Writing Roundup Key Terms

Essay- A piece of writing on a particular subject.

Thesis Statement- One sentence that summarizes the main idea of the essay.

Ideas- The opinions or thoughts of the writer.

Organization- Arranging an essay in a way that keeps similar ideas in groups known as paragraphs.

Paragraph- A group of sentences that explains the ideas of the writer.

Brainstorming- The way for writers to think of the ideas to include in an essay.

Support- Ideas from other people that writers use as evidence to back up and prove their own ideas.

MLA Format- MLA stands for Modern Language Association. MLA format is the way that a writer sets up an essay: 12-point font, Times New Roman, Double-Spaced, 1-inch margins, Header, and Heading

Sources- The various books, essays, and other places a writer finds the support for an essay.

Primary Source- The main work of literature a writer focuses on and uses for an essay.

Secondary Source- Various texts a writer uses to find support for an essay.

Works Cited Entry- The publishing information of a certain source that is set up in a certain format to appear in the Works Cited.

Works Cited- An alphabetized list of all sources used in the essay written in MLA format.

Bibliography- An alphabetized list of all sources read that relate to a certain topic of an essay and written in MLA format.