

*The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*

by E. Lockhart

**Final Project – Secret Society Research Project**

Your final project for this book (in place of a test) will be a research paper. The paper will be due 8 am **Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Individual Research Paper (Test grade that counts twice)**

This is an individual assignment that you will complete by yourself. It should be a research paper using print and online sources. You are going to research secret societies and then choose one to focus on (preferably a collegiate or school based society).

The first half of your paper should answer the following questions by applying them to the Loyal Order of the Basset Hounds in the novel. You will have to organize these questions underneath your thesis proofs. This can be challenging so start to think about it now. You should treat the Bassets as if it were a real secret society.

- ♣ What is the purpose of the secret society?
- ♣ Who are its members?
- ♣ When was it established?
- ♣ Where is it located?
- ♣ Do they have any significant meeting places/buildings?
- ♣ What are its rituals?
- ♣ Do they have any significant symbols/books/regalia/etc.?
- ♣ Why is the society important? {This is different from its purpose}

The second part of your paper should answer the same questions for the society you have chosen to research. This paper will also count as a portfolio grade.

Don't forget - because this is a paper it should have all of those elements we have worked on this year:

- an effective beginning with a thesis statement
- a conclusion with a restated thesis and a concluding strategy

We are adding the research element to this paper so you will add in your paper this time:

- In-text citations following MLA format 8<sup>th</sup> edition
- Works Cited page

We will be setting up a list of due dates in Noodle Tools, but you should know that your rough draft is due shared in Google Docs Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and the final paper is due 8 am in Turnitin Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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Research Paper Due Dates**

4/3 Develop initial research question in Noodle Tools

4/4 Revise research question to include chosen secret society  
Set up Note Cards in Noodle Tools

4/6 Basset Hound Notes Cards Due

4/7 Effective beginning (with thesis) Due at beginning of class

4/7 Secret Society Note Cards Due - End of Day 3 pm

4/10 First half Rough Draft (Bassets) Due at 8 am on Google Docs

4/11 Second half (Society of choice) Rough Draft Due at 3 pm on Google  
Docs

4/13 Final Paper due by 8 am –Shared and Uploaded to Turnitin

\*\*\*Be prepared for daily checks that may or may not be graded to ensure that you are working and staying on track. \*\*\*