



# AOBT Real Estate Project

## MLA Research Paper Assignment



### Objectives:

- Practice technical writing skills
- Practice MLA citation
- Investigate an important topic about real estate/ home buying

**Research Paper Requirements:** You will research a topic pertaining to the real estate industry that we have not thoroughly gone over in class. You will research the topic, using at least two different online sources, interview at least one expert source, become knowledgeable on the topic, and write a MLA-formatted research paper about it. You will include a formal Works Cited Page in your final draft. You will then share your work with the class in a 3-4 minute informal speech.

1. Your research paper must minimum 2-3 pages in length.
2. Your paper must be typed in formal essay format (Times, 12 pt. font, double sp, 1" margins)
3. You will do an outline and a final draft. Both must be typed.
4. You must include a Work Cited Page and cite any quotes or paraphrases from your research.
5. You will be selecting your topic by first, second, third choice so that you do not overlap with other groups. Possible research paper topics are (you could also choose your own):

- A. What can one do throughout his or her life to get and maintain a good credit score?
- B. What factors contributed to the recent real estate market crash?
- C. What does one have to do to obtain and be specific in the career of a real estate agent?
- D. What are the differences between banks and credit unions?
- E. How are federal interest rates set in the USA? How have they historical influenced or been influenced by the housing market?
- F. What factors affect the appraisal, or pricing, of a home?
- G. What are property taxes and how do they work?
- H. What is a homeowners' association (HOA) and how does it work?
- I. What is homeowners insurance? How does it work? What different types are there?
- J. What ways is the real estate industry trying to "go green" (make homes more eco-friendly)?
- K. How can buying and selling real estate function as a business or passive income?
- L. What's the difference between buying a new house and a buying resale home? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each?
- M. What is refinancing and what are some of the reasons people do it?
- N. What is foreclosure? What factors influence it and how can homeowners avoid it?
- O. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Paper Checklist:

- Is the paper proofread so that it has NO mechanical errors?
- Is the paper in the appropriate MLA format?
- Is the paper at least 2 pages long?
- Is the paper well organized with paragraph breaks that group information by topic?
- Does paper thoroughly and clearly answer the research question posed?
- Does paper have a properly cited Works Cited Page?