

Argumentative Essay Assignment

Essay Prompt: Choose a topic which has more than one side or viewpoint, and choose a side to defend. You should choose a topic for which you can form a clear argument (thesis statement) as to what you believe, as well as provide 3 supporting arguments (prongs) that explain why you believe your thesis to be true.

Essay Requirements:

1. Essay must be written in academic essay style, utilizing a formal third person point-of-view.
2. Essay must have a main idea or thesis with 3-prongs, and this thesis should be provided in the introduction as a way of forecasting the organization for the essay.
3. Your essay should provide evidence to support your thesis, and should build naturally toward this main point through the course of the discussion, using your supporting arguments in the body paragraphs to illustrate why the reader should agree with your main argument. Be sure to use reliable academic sources when providing this evidence. A minimum of 3 sources should be used for this essay.
4. Essay must be in MLA format, and all sources must be properly cited both with in-text parenthetical citations and in a Works Cited page.
5. Essay must use ALL 3 RHETORICAL DEVICES (ethos, pathos, logos). Use each device at least once, but you may use them more than once if desired. These rhetorical devices should blend in seamlessly with your essay and should not feel forced; they should function effectively to persuade the reader to buy in to your argument.
6. Essay should be 5 paragraphs long, and should meet or exceed all requirements on Rubric.

Due Dates:

Week 1: Thesis and Outline due; one-to-one meetings with instructor in class to discuss.

Date due:

Week 2: Research & sources due. **Date due:**

Week 3: Rough Draft due (with Works Cited page); Peer-Review in class. **Date due:**

Week 4: Graded rough drafts will be returned. Workshop week.

Week 5: Revision week.

Week 6: Final Draft due. **Date due:**

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