

Part 3: Argumentative Essay

Due Date: TBD

Using the information you've gathered through research and community involvement, you are going to write an argumentative essay about your topic.

Prompt: Take a stand on your chosen topic and argue why people should agree with you and how they should take action for this cause.

Essay Requirements:

- Developed Introduction and Conclusion
- Claim addressing your side
- Counterclaim addressing the other side
- Rebuttal proving your side is stronger
- At least two pieces of evidence (with citations) per body paragraph
- Analysis for all evidence
- Times New Roman 12 pt
- Double Spaced
- MLA Format
- Works Cited Page

Learning Targets:

W. 9-10.1 Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence. (Assessment: Essay)

a. Introduce a precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claim(s), and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons and evidence. (Assessment: Essay)

b. Develop claim(s) and counterclaim(s) fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns. (Assessment: Essay)

c. Use words, phrases and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaim(s). (Assessment: Essay)

d. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing. (Assessment: Essay)

e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows form and supports the argument presented. (Assessment: Essay)