

ASSIGNMENT 3: THE DOCUMENTED ARGUMENT Essay (40 pts) 10: Draft 1; 30: Final Draft
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Overview

This project is a research paper regarding a controversial topic. It is important to remember that your research paper is to be presented as a documented argument (DA). This means that you must persuade readers to consider your point of view and agree with your proposed solution by:

1. effective application of argument specifics,
2. consideration of counterarguments, and
3. use of credible and relevant sources that back up your claims.

This project seeks to help you better understand the scope of research within academia and enhance your knowledge and practice of writing effective arguments.

Your classmates, as well as your English 1014 instructors, comprise the *audience* for this essay. Not only do you have the task of educating your audience about the selected topic, but you also need to persuade them that your position, is firm and anchored in the relevant literature. To accomplish these rhetorical tasks, assume that your peers and instructors completely depend on you to adequately present your reasonable argument. The audience is relying on your quality research and effective rhetorical presentation of the topic to see the issue from multiple perspectives. While your audience may or may not agree with your position, they should at least be persuaded to consider or share your perspective through your writing.

Assignments

- Documented Argument Essay Draft 1
- Documented Argument Final Draft

Final Product

The DA final essay will be a 6 page research paper based on your extensive examination of a debatable and researchable topic. The paper and the sources (at least eight) must be formatted and documented in accordance with APA style.

Please remember that ALL topics must be approved by your instructor. Papers with topics that have not been pre-approved will NOT be accepted.

DOCUMENTED ARGUMENT ESSAY

Overview

Following receipt of feedback on Draft 1 of your DA draft, you will need to complete the final essay. Begin by reviewing the DA assignment provided by your instructor. Pay close attention to the purpose, audience, structure, opposing views, refutation, and documentation requirements for

the DA final essay. Revise your DA draft considering the feedback and suggestions provided during the peer review workshop as well as the specific feedback from your instructor.

Format

- 6 pages of content + Reference Page and Cover page. The 6 pages do not include the Reference page or the cover page, which are a part of the final submission.
- Times New Roman, 12 pt, double-spaced, one-inch margins on all sides of the paper
- Minimum six (6) credible and relevant sources. If the paper is more than 6 pages, the number of references should reflect the increase in content.
- APA style for in-text citations and References list

Organization

<i>Title page</i>	✓ See the APA Sample Paper link on Moodle in the relevant Module
<i>Title</i>	✓ Creates and sparks your readers' interest
<i>Introduction</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Engages your readers' attention and pulls them into your argument✓ Creates a scene, poses a question, reveals unknown facts about your subject, or offers a thought-provoking quotation✓ Contains your thesis statement as the purpose for your argument
<i>Body</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Develops your position and provides supporting evidence to substantiate your claim✓ Offers an analysis of your evidence to support your position✓ Addresses opposing viewpoints to your argument✓ Uses in-text citations: quotes, data, statistics, and observations you have collected during your research
<i>Solution or Call to Action</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Offers a solution or calls for action if applicable✓ Explains why this solution or course of action is feasible or better
<i>Conclusion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Reviews your position✓ Reemphasizes why a change is necessary✓ Includes your final thoughts on how your argument highlights an issue of importance
<i>References</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Contains an alphabetized list of ALL the sources used in the paper✓ Uses APA documentation style

Grading Criteria

I'll use the Documented Argument rubric available via Moodle.