**Assignment**

1. It should be an argument essay with a carefully selected topic relevant to you.
2. Your essay should be 900 to 1200 words (not including the reference page).
3. Your essay is due before your assigned class time on Wednesday, May 8th or Thursday, May 9th.
4. For this essay, we would like you to use at least four high-quality English-language sources.
5. Use at least three direct quotations and three paraphrases of sources in your text. Properly introduce your quotations and paraphrases in the text, and cite your sources in APA format both in the text and in your reference page.
6. For more information about APA citation, visit Purdue OWL at: <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/index.html>
7. You should consider both sides of the argument and include a refutation of the counter argument in your essay.
8. We strongly encourage you to make full use of every stage of the writing process (prewrite, outline, draft, revise, proof).
9. No AI tools are allowed for this assignment.

**Format**

1. Use size 12 Times New Roman font.
2. Double space your text.
3. Use a ½ inch (1.25 cm) indent for each paragraph.
4. Do not space between paragraphs.
5. Set margins at 1” (2.5 cm) each side, top, and bottom.
6. Using ½ inch (1.25 cm) header, please identify EACH PAGE with your name, student ID, section number, assignment name, and page number in “page x of y” format.
7. LEFT ALIGN your papers. DO NOT “Justify” align.
8. Save your document with your full name in pinyin/English as the first part of the document name.

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