

Advanced Argument Essay Assignment

For this assignment, you will practice writing a more complex, academic argument essay. As you have learned before, you need an arguable thesis statement and several reasons to support that thesis.

In addition to that, you will add a paragraph or two of different types to give yourself four or five body paragraphs. You also need an introduction and conclusion paragraph.

Topic:

You should think of an academic, controversial topic in a field of your choice. Some examples of academic and controversial topics include: equal pay for women, trade deals between certain countries, water conservation, immigration issues, cyber terrorism, the safety of electronic cigarettes, and GMOs (genetically-modified organisms).

Do not choose non-academic, trivial topics like sports, fashion, or social media. Try to think of a topic that you might need to write about in a college class you plan to take.

Steps

- Choose a topic.
- Make an outline so that you know what each body paragraph will be about.
- Write your rough draft using your own ideas.
- Look for a couple of quotations to add to your argument. This is just a chance to start practicing using quotes. You don't have to have many quotes. One or two is enough for this assignment. Use any Internet source you want.
- Add the quotations in the details area of your body paragraphs.
- Make sure to integrate the quotes into your own sentences.
- Revise and edit your essay before submitting it.

Remember

- Give it a short title.
- Try to have 6 or 7 total paragraphs.
- In addition to paragraphs with reasons, use another type or two of body paragraphs.
- Make sure body paragraphs have about 10 sentences each.
- Type your essay using double-space, 12-point font, Times New Roman, and 1-inch margins.
- Cite your sources using the method discussed in this module.