**ENG 110—Composition**

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**ASSIGNMENT 5: THE ARGUMENTATION ESSAY**

Purpose:

In this essay, you will finalize the thesis that you landed on at the end of your bibliography and you will defend it. Evidence in support of the thesis should come from your bibliography and any extra research you have done since then. The essay should also include specific references to books that have been banned and at least a brief discussion of these.

Process:

1. Check to see if there were holes in your research based on my feedback or your own debriefing
2. Finalize your thesis in the form of a clear, succinct statement (typically one sentence)
3. Write a preliminary introduction (to be revised at the end)
4. Write an outline
5. Flesh out your outline into a full-fledged essay
6. Include all relevant in-text references in the form of parentheticals
7. Write the conclusion and see how it matches the introduction
8. Write the list of Works Cited (see student sample). Yes, you can use a citation engine—just make sure it is based off the 9th edition of the MLA. Note: The word count (below) does **not** include the list of Works Cited.

For reference, review the PowerPoint on “The Writing Process” posted on Moodle.

Audience: Write for a general audience—not just for me. I am your reader, not your audience. Anything that is not common knowledge should be properly defined.

Editing:

Pay careful attention to the way you write, not just the “what” you’re writing about. Edit yourself before submitting. Each word, each sentence, each paragraph counts and must receive your undivided attention.

Tempting as it may be, you cannot use ChatGPT to edit your work for you. You may continue to use it to do supplemental research.

To remain within the word limit, extract any verbiage. Everything must be there for a reason.

Format:

* **Word docs only: I do not accept pdfs**
* Class info in the top left corner: Your name/ENG 110-section/My name/Semester
* Write essay title at top of first page—center the title
* Indent paragraphs (5 spaces from the margin)
* Font: Calibri 12 pt. font
* Line spacing 1 ½.
* Numbered pages.
* **Word count: 1500-2000 words (do not exceed)**

Grade breakdown:

1. Content (50 %) – voice, insights, supporting facts and documentation
2. Structure and style (25%) – style includes word choice, lack of unnecessary repetitions, sentence variety, economy of words, artful transitions.
3. Syntax (25%) – all rules of grammar apply

An important note: While the topic of banned books is a political one, **I do not grade based on opinion**. In other words, I will never downgrade you for disagreeing with me. Valid reasons for lowering a grade may include insufficient evidence in support of the thesis, an incomplete list of works cited, missing in-text references, a thesis that in the end was not properly validated.

**Deadline: Friday, Dec 6, no later than 5pm, on Moodle.**

**Important note: There will be no extensions for this assignment. Everything must be done on time. This ensures that final grades are in when they’re supposed to be.**

Naming convention: First and last name\_Argumentative Essay\_Fall 2024