

Persuasive Essay

Overview: A good argument requires a thoughtful approach to persuading your audience. In order to prepare for a thoughtful argument, you will read few different perspectives on issues that have been reported on in the last year. It is important to read each article closely and summarize them in your journal. After that, develop a perspective that can dialogue with the author of your piece. Please keep in mind that you will be expected to read all of the reading assignments and possibly be quizzed on them. After you have read them, you will choose one to respond to or choose a different article to respond to. However, the article and subject matter need to be approved by your instructor. Your essay will be a response to the article along with a synthesis of other articles on the same topic.

Purpose: This essay is designed to allow you to think critically about issues and to write a reasonable op-ed response

Audience: Your audience is composed of the people you are trying to persuade.

Length: 4-5 double spaced pages, Times Roman, 12pt. font

Format: MLA Style

Due dates:

Topic proposal due: May 22nd

Persuasive outline: May 23rd

Source List: May 24th

First draft due: May 28th

Final draft due: May 31st

Other Considerations:

- Clear thesis statement that states the position of the essay
- An appeal to common ground
- Thoughtful reasons to support your thesis/claim
- Evidence that shows a clear regard for ethos
- A compelling introduction
- A conclusion that ends with a thought-provoking statement, thoughtful question, or a concluding anecdote or scenario
- **MLA in-text citations and works cited page, minimum of four different sources** (no Content Farms)
- Standard English
- Demonstration of correct ways to quote, paraphrase, and summarize outside sources