**Argumentative Research Paper**

***Assignment Topic:***

* Choose a topic from the list provided. If you have another topic that you may want to write about, see me for approval.
* Research the topic.
* Create an argument in which you explain why and/or how that topic is important and your stance on that topic. You need to clearly state your side / position to the topic being discussed.
* Develop a well-written double spaced 3-page (minimum) argumentative research paper about your topic.

***Paper Requirements*:**

* Develop a well-written 3-page Argumentative research paper about your topic.
* Must include upper level transition words
* Minimum 3 sources included in paper. 5 sources for honors.
  + \*Your paper MAY NOT be primarily quotes!!!! For example, you CANNOT have paragraph-long quotes and expect that your paper will be finished. You MUST adhere to the process of CEC. Check your notebook.\*
* Works Cited page must be completed and part of your submitted paper.

***What to Include:***

* Introduction with a hook and a clear, concise thesis statement
* Each body paragraph must adhere to CEC (Claim, Evidence, Commentary). Check your notebook for the definitions/explanations of the acronyms/mnemonic devices. Remember: Each paragraph is like a mini essay.
* Counterclaim – You must totally disclaim the counterclaim to your argument that is being presented. Follow paragraph rules.
* Be sure to ask yourself “why” and “how” your evidence is important when writing your 2nd explanation / 2nd commentary.
* Conclusion is where you drive everything home!
* Correct MLA citations, formatting, and works-cited page

**Topics you may choose from:**

* Should self-driving cars be manufactured and operated within the United States?
* Should artificial intelligence (robots / computers) be able to replace humans in the workplace?
* Do violent video games lead to violence in society?
* Should college be free?
* Should healthcare be free?
* Should college athletic teams pay their athletes?
* Do smartphones do more harm than good to mental and physical health? (eg. Can you be addicted to your smartphone?)
* Should the U.S. have the same standards for banning chemicals, additives, and preservatives in food as other countries world-wide?
* Should minimum wage be increased in the US?
* Are school dress codes sexist? OR: Should schools have uniforms?
* Should cyberbullies go to jail?
* Should protesters be allowed to kneel during the National Anthem during professional athletic games?
* Should animals be held in captivity (zoos)?

*\*\*If you have another topic that you may want to write about, see me for approval. If you choose a topic that is not on the list and did not get approval, you will receive an automatic ZERO for the paper!\*\**

*\*\*\*If you get caught plagiarizing on this paper, you will receive an automatic ZERO!\*\*\**

**WHAT WILL I BE GRADED ON?**

* Completed graphic organizer packer
* Peer editing session
* Final draft of essay
* Works cited page

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*Note: 10% will be deducted per day late once the final due date is established!*