Argumentative Essay Assignment

English 7

Assignment: Write an argumentative essay that states and supports a claim about an issue of importance to you. Use MLA format and support your argument with strong evidence from credible, reliable sources.

1. Use the “My Argument” research that you did in class to help you plan your essay before you start writing.
2. Refer back to this descriptor and the “Argumentative Essay Help” tab on the Seventh Grade English page to help you write your essay. **Do this many times during your writing process.**
3. Refer to the **Argumentative Essay Rubric** (Seventh Grade English page) to help fine tune your essay.

Your essay needs to have:

1. **An introduction** with a **hook**, **claim**, and some **information** about what reasons you have for supporting your claim.
2. At least **three body paragraphs**. Each of the paragraphs should be about one of the reasons you have for supporting your claim. Each paragraph should have plenty of information that supports the particular reason that the paragraph is about. This supporting information should include information from a strong, credible source. Any other supporting information, including from personal examples or examples from other sources only makes your argument stronger. The paragraph should also mention the opposing side’s argument (counter argument) to help you specifically argue against their claims.

Make sure that when you quote one of your sources, give the source credit by saying, “According to the Institute of…”

1. **A conclusion paragraph** that states your claim in a different way and explains how much better things will be if things go your way. It is your last chance to make an impression on your audience.

**Due Dates**: TBA