

ENGLISH 1133 Essay 3: Argumentative Research Paper

Description: Your third essay will focus on using academic sources as well as general knowledge to construct and develop an argumentative claim. Unlike with previous essays, students will be responsible for selecting their topic, as well as submitting a topic proposal in class.

After the topic has been approved, the next step is to begin researching academic sources. In order to receive full credit, papers must use at least **three or more** academic sources. Academic sources in this case are peer-reviewed sources, such as book excerpts, articles in academic journals, or published articles. Your goal is to create a claim about the topic you have chosen and use outside evidence to substantiate that claim. Grading will take into account both the mechanics and content, as well as how well the author develops his or her claim.

Example

- Topic: Should College Athletes be Paid for Playing?
- Claim: College athletes should not be paid because they receive substantial scholarships.

Note: All work for this class must be original. Resubmission of previous work is not allowed.

Formatting: All essays in this class will follow MLA formatting. Your font should be 12 point Times New Roman with 1-inch margins. The paper will have a minimum length of 1250 words and must be double spaced. Essays must include a Works Cited page listing any sources. Essays should include a header in the top right corner with your last name and the page number. Any questions about formatting should be directed to me via email or in class.

Submission: All essays must be submitted to Turnitin through eCourses. Email submissions will not be accepted and all submissions must pass a plagiarism check. Any student found to have plagiarized will receive a **heavy** penalty to their final grade. Any questions about submissions should be directed to me via email or in class.