

Paper 1: Basic Argumentation/Textual Analysis Paper

Structure

- MLA standard (12. Font, 1 inch margins, page numbers in top right hand corner of each page, Times New Roma font, double spaced) –you know the drill.
- 5 pages in length in addition to a works cited page
- 5 secondary sources, 1-3 primary sources

Instructions

- You may do your essay over any piece of original text we have discussed in class or read for class.
- This is YOUR essay, which means you must think on your own—there is no pre-made formula for your thesis. It will be completely unique to you and your interests. Just as you do every week with the one page essays, you will come up with an original thesis (which you can email to me if you are concerned about it not being good enough or too long) which will, of course, be the driving point of your essay (the claim). Have at least three points (evidence) that back your claim. Remember, we are going for a Logos argument here. I do not care how you feel about an issue, make sure that it is a logical argument and that you use credible sources!
- Include at least five secondary sources in your essay which will appear in your works cited page at the end of your essay. You may use more if you wish. I suggest at least one source per point/piece of evidence.