

Persuasive Research Paper – Final Exam

Course: English Composition

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Assignment:

This assignment requires you to focus on a single issue/assertion and convince your readers of your position. The issue must be significant, controversial, and debatable. Your topic should be something you believe in and have a strong conviction towards. Your essay is to have sound reasoning and follow a logical pattern. Attention is to be given to developing the essay design and proper structure.

Requirements

1. You are required to do research on this paper. Published, scholarly, credible sources must be cited in your formal reference page. You are required to consult at least three.
2. Outlines are due one class before your assigned due date. A formal outline will be the only outline accepted for this review. Typed outlines are required. Your essay must include an assertive claim, with an attention-getting introduction, strong thesis, main points of debate, smooth transitional statements, and a memorable conclusion. A final formal outline and a work cited reference page is due with the final draft. The work cited references must be in APA style.
3. Correct grammar is essential, as well as descriptive writing, sensory details, sentence variety and structure. You need to provide your own unique and persuasive voice that supports your point of view.
4. Plagiarism of any kind from any source will result in a zero on the essay.

Examples of the Assignment:

Focus on one-single issue or assertion (proposition). State your claim. Persuade and convince your readers to accept your position. The position must be significant and have a connection to your own personal beliefs. The more passionate and determined you are about your chosen subject, the better the writing will be.

Objectives of the Assignment:

To understand and apply the writing principles introduced in our textbook material and various handouts. Special emphasis should be given to essay structure and composition. To effectively use language with clarity, accuracy, and precision. Creativity and conviction is key for a successful persuasive paper.

Evaluation of Essay:

Please refer to the grading rubric posted at the top of your syllabus. This research paper is worth up to 200 points toward your final grade.