

Assignment: Read the article that has been provided for you. Then write a persuasive essay taking a stand on the issue of schooling on a year-round, 12-month schedule, rather than the traditional 9-month timetable. Your essay must include all the following:

- ✓ A clear introduction, body, and conclusion
- ✓ An arguable thesis statement in **bold** print
- ✓ At least one direct quote from the article, properly cited
- ✓ At least one paraphrase from the article, properly cited
- ✓ One concession paragraph
- ✓ Three pro paragraphs
- ✓ At least two of the rhetorical devices we have studied this year (i. e. metaphor, alliteration, antithesis, imagery, erotema, parallelism) underlined
- ✓ A suitable, interesting title

Your completed essay should be submitted as a Word document or a pdf, complete with your name, course section, and the date. The essay must be between 600 and 800 words, typed in Times New Roman 12, double-spaced.