

Module 6 Assignment: Outlining/Drafting a Persuasive Essay

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Demonstrate that you understand the basic elements of a good, well-written persuasive essay.
- 2) Use drafting techniques effectively in developing a persuasive essay.

STEP 1: Read the following preparatory material before completing this assignment -

- 1) Creating a Persuasive Essay: The Key Elements
- 2) Review - Transition Words: What are Transitions and How are they Used
- 3) Writing the Persuasive Essay

STEP 2: Select a topic from GALE OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS IN CONTEXT database:

To access GALE OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS IN CONTEXT:

- 1) Go to <http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/library>
- 2) Click on ARTICLES AND DATABASES.
- 3) Click on the box labeled ALPHABETICAL and then use the DATABASES BY ALPHABETICAL SORT option to locate GALE OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS IN CONTEXT and click on it.
- 4) Enter your Pierce Student ID and LAST NAME. Click LOGIN.

NOTE: If your Student ID doesn't work use this default login: Student ID=999999999 / Last Name=books

- 5) Once you're logged into the database click on the BROWSE ISSUES link located near the top of the page (on the left) to see a complete list of all available topics. There are over 300 topics to choose from.

NOTE: You can select a topic not listed in the database, but it must be approved by me first.

STEP 3: In a separate Word document, create a **detailed** outline of your persuasive essay. Use the information found in the document titled **Creating a Persuasive Essay: The Key Elements** to determine what essential elements your essay should contain and where or in what order they should occur in the outline. The document titled **Writing the Persuasive Essay** contains a **sample outline format on page 5** which you should also use for guidance when drafting your outline.

By *detailed*, I mean that your outline should include at least some fully formed sentences and should provide a fairly good representation of the form and content of your final essay. Minor grammatical errors are fine at this stage of the game. In addition, feel free to include notes and any other prewriting strategies in your outline that help you gather and organize your thoughts. *****

Things to keep in mind while drafting your outline:

- 1) Your actual final persuasive essay needs to include a minimum of **8** outside sources. At least **3** of the sources need to be from Pierce College Library databases, and **3** others need to be from the Internet. The remaining **2** can be from print books (as opposed to ebooks), the internet, the Pierce College online library, another online library, etc.
- 2) Avoid selecting ONLY statistical sources. Your final essay should include at least 3 sources that provide information from knowledgeable individuals.

Your name, course title/number, and the date should be in the upper left-hand corner of your submission.

NOTE: This submission should only include your outline, not your final essay!