

Paper 3 Prompt

WRI 100: College Writing

Your third and final paper, to be submitted with your final portfolio in hard copy and separately online, will be a research paper. This paper will be a substantive argumentative essay on a topic of your choosing. In this paper, you must cite at least two academic sources no less than 5 times total (this means you will have no less than five quotes in the paper, and NOT that you need 5 quotes for each source). Your objective in this paper is to convince your audience that your stance/argument (i.e.: your thesis) is correct. In order to do this, remember that you should be referencing counterpoints and counterarguments and then explaining why those counterpoints are incorrect or inconsequential (thus defending your own argument). I encourage you to think about the appeals we previously discussed in our rhetorical analysis. How might *you* appeal to ethos, pathos, and logos in your own claims? As part of ethos, you will want to make sure that your sources are relevant, scholarly, and recently published.

As always, you will also want to:

- Avoid I / me or anecdotal evidence
- Cite all of your sources both in-text for quotes and paraphrases and in the Works Cited page
- Organize your paper with
 - An intro that moves from general to specific and ends with a thesis
 - Body paragraphs that start with a topic sentence (that states the main idea for the entire paragraph), identify and explain evidence, connect back to your thesis, and end with a transitional sentence
 - A conclusion that moves from specific to general by restating your thesis in new terms and pointing to the larger significance (this should be quite easy in this paper! Perhaps you want to end by making a recommendation about your issue).
- Make sure that all of your paragraphs are ½ page to 1 page in length
- Follow MLA format in citations, headers, indentations, etc.
- Use relevant quotes and thoroughly explain those quotes and their support of your argument
- Avoid sweeping generalizations, speculation, and unsubstantiated personal opinion

I am happy to discuss possibilities with you and workshop your ideas!

Length Requirement: 4-5 *printed* pages, typed and double-spaced in 12 pt. Times New Roman font
AND a Canvas upload of an identical paper

Due Date: In my office before noon on Monday, June 24th