

Prep for Writing Project 2: Outline

English 102 D & E – Spring 2020



I. Background:

- A. You've been on quite a journey so far in the research process!
 - 1. you've familiarized yourself with the area of **social media**
 - 2. you've created a **research question** related to this area
 - 3. you've collected **research articles** to answer your research question
 - 4. you've **read and annotated** these articles
 - 5. you've **analyzed the conversation** researchers are having
 - 6. you've drafted a research-based **claim** responding to your research question
- B. Now, let's think about how to **arrange your research and your analysis** into a persuasive research essay. The work you do now on the outline will help propel your writing of the research essay.

II. The Assignment: Construct a detailed outline to structure your researched argument essay.

- A. **Use** your notes, journals, *Everyday Writer*, and class resources (PPTs, class notes, discussions with writing group, etc.) to draft an outline
- C. **Follow** the Classical, Toulmin, or Rogerian outline format (see *EW* p.135 -137)
 - 1. Include your **name**, your **thesis claim**, and the **date**
 - 2. Include background information
 - 3. Include at least three reasons or arguments in support of your claim
 - 4. Include detailed evidence with citations
 - 5. Include commentary and explanation
- D. **Present** your outline in a multi-level outline format, as used on this assignment sheet
- E. **Meet** with the Rhetoric Center M/T/W/Th (March 9-12) to help develop your argument and your outline
 - 1. The Rhetoric Center will send a note to me after you meet; this will serve as proof of your attendance and contribute to your points for the assignment

III. Evaluation Criteria for Outline Assignment:

- A. **5 points** – Meet with Rhetoric Center to develop outline
- B. **20 points** – Fulfill outline requirements listed above

IV. Due date: Post your outline on Moodle by Friday, March 13 @ midnight

V. Look ahead: Upcoming due dates

- A. **Wednesday, March 18:** partial draft of Research Essay
- B. **Sunday, March 22 @ midnight** (or earlier): post draft of Research Essay
- C. **Wednesday, April 1:** draft revision check