

JUST & UNJUST LAWS

DIRECTIONS

Below, you will find sets of directions for this assignment in both a short and long form. Both sets explain how to complete the same assignment, which you should only complete once. The short form may allow you to form a complete picture of the assignment more easily, while the long form will offer you comprehensive, step-by-step, actionable instructions. Choose the form that you prefer and follow each of its directions. Whether you complete the assignment using the short or long form of directions, your submission will be scored using the same rubric. Either form requires you to complete the same quantity and quality of work as the other. In short, each set *differs* in form, not standard.

SHORT FORM

Read both "Chapter Twelve: Life Among Them" and "Chapter Thirteen: Too Far Gone" in *The Walking Dead Compendium* *Two* before completing this assignment. You must write an essay that follows each part of the prompt below. Each part designates a column of the rubric that corresponds to this assignment. Format your assignment using MLA Style. Support your premises using quotations from the assigned media and document all sources using in-text citations and a works cited. Upload your work as a MS Word document or PDF file to the folder that bears the same name as this unit.

- 1 Your essay must include an argument, which is a well-formed opinion. To be complete, your argument must state a conclusion (thesis) and found it upon two premises. Your thesis must answer the following question: "Assuming that what may be defined as a 'weapon' is either a firearm or a sword, was Alexander's 'no weapon policy', which prohibited any person from carrying a weapon within the community's walls, a just law?" Douglas refers to the community's policy as a "no weapon policy" in Chapter Thirteen. A just law is one that is reasonable and proper. In other words, it is moral.

(thesis) and your counterargument's conclusion (antithesis) be opposites. The counterargument may not reach the same conclusion as your argument, even if it were to do so with unique premises. After you finish writing that counterargument, rebut it by attacking one or both of its premises. See rubric for more criteria.

- 2 Your essay must contain at least one word on it will automatically receive a score of a point. There is no maximum number of words. Remember that titles, headings and works cited, although required, will not count as part of the essay. Use Standard American English. Deviate only if doing so helps you effectively communicate with your audience. However, you must use proper grammar and orthography. Avoid phonetic spelling and offensive language unless either are present in a direct quotation, and then only if necessary. See rubric for more criteria.

LONG FORM

- 1 Read both "Chapter Twelve: Life Among Them" and "Chapter Thirteen: Too Far Gone" in *The Walking Dead Compendium* *Two* before completing this assignment.
- 2 Open a document using either MS Word or Google Docs so that you can save your work as either a Word document or PDF file.
- 3 Format your document heading, pagination and title using MLA Style.
- 4 Now, you will begin an essay that must include an argument, which is a well-formed opinion. To be complete, your argument must state a conclusion (thesis) and found it upon two premises. Introduce your topic in your first paragraph. Our current topic is just and unjust laws in *The Walking Dead*.
- 5 After you introduce your topic, answer the following question: "Assuming that what may be defined as a 'weapon' is either a firearm or a sword, was Alexander's 'no weapon policy', which prohibited any person from carrying a weapon within the community's walls, a just law?" Douglas refers to the community's policy as a "no weapon policy" in Chapter Thirteen. A just law is one that is reasonable and proper. In other words, it is moral.

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- 2 Your essay must include a counterargument and a rebuttal to that counterargument. A rebuttal is an attempt to disprove an argument that counters your own (i.e. a counterargument). In this case, you must write the counterargument yourself. However, you should present it as an opinion that you disagree with. I require that your argument's conclusion

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COLLEGE COMPOSITION 1 / 2

- 8 Now may be the right time to start a new paragraph. Write down a condition under which the "no weapon policy" would be a just (or unjust) law. This is your first premise. If you wish to construct a syllogism instead, explain how your condition necessitates another condition, or falls within a larger category, which represents another condition. This is your second premise. For more information, see the units that introduce the concept of argument.
- 9 Explain whether facts about the story satisfy your first premise. This conclusion is your second

spellings and offensive language unless either was present in a direct quotation, and then only if necessary.

- 17 Check your essay against the rubric.
- 18 Additionally, you might check your work against the Writing Center's sample.
- 19 Save your work as a MS Word document or PDF file.
- 20 Upload your document to the folder that bears the same name as this unit.
- 21 Confirm your submission by reviewing the folder.

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5. After you introduce your topic, answer the following question: "Assuming that what may be defined as a 'weapon' is either a firearm or a sword, was Alexander's 'no-weapon policy', which prohibited any person from carrying a weapon within the community's walls, a just law?" You answer to the question is your conclusion. Douglas refers to the community's policy as a "no-weapon policy" in Chapter Thirteen. A just law is one that is reasonable and proper. In other words, it is moral.

COLLEGE COMPOSITION 1

6. Now may be the right time to start a new paragraph. Write down a condition under which the "no-weapon policy" would be a just (or unjust) law. This is your first premise. If you wish to construct a syllogism instead, explain how your condition necessitates another condition or falls within a larger category, which represents another condition. This is your minor premise. For more information, see the units that introduce the concept of argument.

7. Explain whether facts about the story satisfy your first premise. This explanation is your second

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17. Check your essay against the rubric.

18. Additionally, you might check your work against the Writing Center's sample.

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8. You must find evidence to support your second premise. You must also document your evidence. To do this, include a direct quotation from the story that demonstrates that your explanation is true.

9. Your essay must include a counterargument and a rebuttal to that counterargument. In this case, you must write the counterargument yourself. However, you should present it as an opinion that you disagree with. I require that your argument's conclusion (thesis) and your counterargument's conclusion (antithesis) be opposites. The counterargument may not reach the same conclusion as your argument, even if it were to do so with unique premises. Start a new paragraph and begin it with a transition sentence that signals that you are about to introduce another opinion.

10. Repeat Steps 1 - 8 to present an argument whose conclusion opposes your own, but do not write a new introduction. If your answer to the question was "yes" essentially, then, the counterargument's answer to the question should essentially be "no", and vice versa.

11. Next, rebut the counterargument by attacking one or both of its premises. Whatever objection you make, you must defend your reasoning.

12. After you finish your argument, counterargument and rebuttal, write a closing sentence or paragraph. I recommend that you tell your readers how your essay will help them understand the story better.

13. Count the number of words in your essay. Your essay must contain at least 500 words or it will automatically receive a score of 0 points. There is no

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16. Save your work as a MS Word document or PDF file.

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Timing

This module argumentative writing assignment is worth 4 points, but you may not earn credit for it until completing the last sequential argumentative writing assignment. You may earn credit for other standalone argumentative writing assignments without completing this one. If you have yet to complete an earlier sequential argumentative writing assignment by the day after this assignment is due, then you will automatically receive a score of 0 points for this assignment and you will not earn back any points that you have lost, not even after you complete all earlier sequential argumentative writing assignments.



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“counterargument or opposition” to the counterargument they just made. Do not reach the same conclusion as your argument, even if it seems to do so with unique premises. Start a new paragraph and begin it with a transition sentence that signals that you are about to introduce another opinion.

- 10 Repeat Steps 1 – 3 to present an argument whose conclusion opposes your own, but do not write a new introduction. If your answer to the question was “yes,” essentially, then the counterargument’s answer to the question should essentially be “no,” and vice versa.
- 11 Next, refute the counterargument by attacking one or both of its premises. Whatever charges you make, you must defend your reasoning.
- 12 After you finish your argument, counterargument and rebuttal, write a closing sentence or paragraph. I recommend that you tell your readers how your essay will help them understand the story better.
- 13 Count the number of words in your essay. Your essay must contain at least 100 words or it will automatically receive a score of 0 points. There is no maximum number of words. Remember that titles, headings and works cited, although required, will not count as part of the essay.
- 14 Include in-text citations after quotations and paraphrasing where necessary.
- 15 Include a works cited on its own page at the very end of your document.
- 16 Proofread your work for proper grammar and orthography. You should have used Standard American English, deviating only if doing so helped you effectively communicate with your audience. However, you should have avoided phonetic