

Bullying

Final Argument Paper

Length: 7-10 pages (font size 12)
Percentage of Grade: 25%
Due Dates: See course schedule

Assignment:

(1) Choose an issue question, (2) take a position on it and make a claim about it, and then (3) justify that claim with logical reasons and worthwhile evidence. (4) Consider your audience's needs when you make choices concerning organization, answers to alternate views, presentation of evidence and reasons, tone, and style, etc. (5) Avoid errors in logic, and (6) document your sources correctly.

Structure:

➤ Introduction

- Present your issue question and set up the debate surrounding it.
- Make your claim in your thesis statement, and (*optional*) include the supporting reasons in the thesis statement to help map out the paper.

➤ Body

- Offer reasons and evidence to support your claim. Use a variety of different types of evidence to support your position. Use **plenty of detail** to help convince your audience.
- Answer opposing or alternate viewpoints logically and/or anticipate and answer your audience's objections to your own position.
- Incorporate the sources you found in your research.

➤ Conclusion/Final paragraph

- Wrap up the entire paper, leaving your reader with the impression that your issue is important.
- Explain the thesis and supporting reasons again, briefly.
- Do not include **any** new information that has not already been presented in the body of the paper.

➤ Attach a Works Cited page which lists **only** the sources that you actually mentioned or quoted in the paper, according to MLA format. You **must** use internal citations after each and every sentence which includes a *quotation* or *idea* that comes from your sources. (Remember: You must get my permission to use websites and newspaper articles.)

➤ Remember that when you use your sources, you must **either** use the authors' **exact** words and punctuation, put quotation marks around the authors' words, and use an internal citation, **or** you must paraphrase the authors' ideas **entirely** in your own words and still use an internal citation.