

Final paper shall be in **THIRD PERSON only**, proper academic English, and 7(full) to 9 pages in length (plus a Work Cited page). The paper must include at minimum of 4 directly cited scholarly sources. The paper should be formatted in MLA. Please use Chapter 17 as well as OWL Perdue to help you with the formatting:

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

Steps in the writing process:

- 1- Choose a topic/theme for your paper based on the list provided in Part Six of your textbook: *An Anthology of Arguments*. Select a theme from the list that is of most personal or academic interest to you: food, higher education, immigration, millennial issues, sustainability, digital literacy, or social ethics. Then narrow your topic based on what you read in the essays provided by the textbook.
- 2- Read all of the essays on the subject carefully in the category you choose from the anthology and analyze the arguments using the skills you learned in Chapter 8. Allow this process to help you narrow your opinion and topic even more.
- 3- Create a list of at least 10 research questions based on what you learned from Chapter 15 on how to write research questions. From this list of questions define which method of argument you will use to research and author your paper. Use what you learned in Chapters 11, 12, and 13 to help you define your style of argument as appropriate to the topic you have chosen.
- 4- Based on tips from Chapter 16 brainstorm/create 3-5 one-sentence claims/thesis statements to declare what you will argue in your paper. Then, choose the best option. Remember your thesis statement will appear as the last sentence of your first paragraph. This is another site that can help you if you are having writer's block about your thesis:

http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/thesis_statement.shtml

6- Beyond sources used from the Anthology printed in the textbook all other sources must be peer reviewed academic sources from academic books, journals, or scholars. At minimum you must have 4 scholarly sources for this essay. Beyond these 4 you may use any credible sources you feel supports your argument. Remember to cite all facts.