Persuasive Essay

For this essay, you will choose one of the following prompts and persuade the reader to join your cause! You will be working on this essay inside and outside of class. By following this step by step approach, you will write a successful persuasive research paper. Let’s begin!

* Go to the library and check out two books on your topic
* Using the Internet, find two websites from a library research database. I will show you how to find these online sources.
* Your paper will be 3-4 pages, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 pt type, MLA-style – and it must also include a Works Cited page. Your final essay will be submitted in your google folder.

***What else?***

* Include in-text citations (it is a research-based paper!)
* Integrate at least three (3) of the persuasive techniques discussed in class in your paper (ethos, pathos, logos, rhetorical questions, call to action, alliteration (other figurative language that makes sense)
* Remember the “rules”: 3rd person; use literary present tense or past ‘historic’ tense; all other MLA rules for using quotes, formatting, etc.

***Here’s the process:***

Step 1: Choose one of the essay prompts that you are most passionate about. **(due 1/6)**

Step 2: Make a list of ‘claims’ and ‘counterclaims’ using the handout provided. **(due by 1/8)**

Step 3: Research! You will need two books and two online sources. Information needs to be collected on index cards; you will also need to create source cards. **(due 1/12)**

Step 4: Create an outline for your essay. (**due 1/14).** Now being your rough draft!

Step 5: Write a rough draft, including a Works Cited page. Type and bring to class to peer edit. **(due 1/21)**

Step 6: Submit your well-edited, polished essay! **(due 1/25)**

**Persuasive Writing Prompts**

1. Some people are actively involved in promoting and supporting a cause, whether an international effort, protecting the environment, or even a cause close to home. Write a persuasive essay that convinces the reader to support your cause.
2. Many people volunteer their time to help others, whether through non-profit organizations, churches, or other charitable venues. Write a persuasive essay convincing readers to support your cause – or encourage to find a charity and volunteer.
3. Carpooling, recycling, and planting trees are all activities that are good for the environment. Write a persuasive essay convincing the reader to actively participate in one of these activities.