

## **WR 122 – Argumentative Essay 2**

**Purpose:** You will use concepts we have explored as a class to construct an argument for a specific audience.

**Prompt:** This 4 – 6 page essay (1,200 – 1,800 words) will argue that, after close research, you have indeed come to the best position on your chosen topic. Through the course of the paper, you will clearly explain why you think what you think, and you will use your research to convince your primary audience.

You may pick any topic you wish. The only constraint is that you have to have a specific audience capable of changing their position.

The argument will be a result of careful, critical thinking about your topic. The thoughts will be yours, the result of the research you have done. The paper will not simply report on a subject. A simple report will not receive a passing grade.

There are two general approaches you can take:

1. An Aristotelian approach that refutes opposing positions (combative)
2. A Rogerian approach that seeks compromise with a specific audience (conciliatory)

No one approach is better than the other for the purposes of this paper. The form of the paper may be analytic, argumentative, or a combination of critical/creative forms. You should determine your approach based on your audience.

**Sources:** You must include at least 5 good, credible sources referenced directly in the paper and listed in the end-text documentation. You must use the sources appropriately and cite them according to MLA or APA style.

**Formatting and Structure:** Your paper may be in whatever format, medium, or structure you wish. You may include pictures, audio, video, hyperlinks, abstract art, or even a choose-your-own-adventure format story. The only restriction is that you must have 1,200 words of gradable, written text.

Consider this paper your victory lap.

### **Criteria:**

1200 – 1800 words

12 Pt Times New Roman

Double-spaced

1” Margins

MLA or APA Format – At least 5 sources.