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College Writing I
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Assignment Four **The Argumentative Research Essay**

The Research essay is expected to flow out of the concept of one's self or of one's perception of their role/s in life(as discussed in class), and how they fit into the world(i.e. your community, your school, your faith etc.).

1. Choose a relevant topic (*it can also be a current issue in society today*).

2. You must take a stance: that is **Make and Defend a Point**... For example if your topic is on negative stereotypes of females in the media... You must **take a stance** about this assertion. Locate yourself in your work.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. The Media - images of women- magazines (They often speak about/to physical flaws (non-ideals))
2. Education
3. Religion
4. Gender Roles
5. Family
6. Marriage
7. Social Behaviors- Dating
8. Music

FORMAT AND REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR PAPER:

- 4 -5 pages double spaced (standard header, no cover page please)
- MLA style, 9th Edition
- At least 2 different sources; **1 of which must be from a scholarly source***.
- **At most: 3 different sources; 2 of which must be scholarly sources***.
- MUST include Works Cited in the appropriate format

Consider the following: **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE SAMPLE BELOW**

Sample argument: The Necessity of Vaccinations.

“Should Vaccines be Required by Law?”

Many public schools currently have a vaccine schedule that they require students to submit before registering for school each year. Currently in the news, vaccines have

*been criticized for causing health issues. Some parents have refused to vaccinate their children, while others are claiming that unvaccinated people pose a threat, especially to people with compromised immune systems. Vaccines **should not be ... or Vaccines should be ...***

What is your **position** on the topic? Should vaccines be required by law?

- **Make a clear statement/position in response to the topic explaining why you have taken this view.**
- **Using research**, show some of the benefits and positives of your **view**.
- Briefly respond to at least **one** critical point against your view.

Remember to have a clear introduction and conclusion!

Your Rough Draft is due on or before Monday December 12th by 11:59pm to the designated dropbox. DO NOT email it to me.

Your Final Draft is due Tuesday December 13th by 6:00 pm to the designated dropbox. DO NOT email it to me.