

Professor Crawford Locke  
College Writing I  
Spring 2023

**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 FULL pages double spaced (standard header, no cover page please)the work cited page will be the 5<sup>th</sup> page
- 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 April 24<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm to the designated dropbox. DO NOT email it to me.***

***Your Final Draft is due Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> by 11:59 pm to the designated dropbox. DO NOT email it to me.***