Mr. Hein

Composition 11

Research Essay Assignment

You will be writing a 5-paragraph research essay on a topic of your choosing.

This can be whatever you like, so start thinking about it now. Keep in mind that your topic needs to be properly sourced, and some topics will have more proper sources than others.

This will be a persuasive essay, which means you will be gathering research and coming to a conclusion based on the evidence you collect. Be sure to consider all sides of your topic – usually there isn’t one easy answer to a good research topic, and nuance makes a paper stronger.

An excellent (6/6) essay will:

* Have a clear introduction and conclusion
* Let the facts found in their sources drive their essay
* Use appropriate verb tense
* Use formal language (free of contractions, appeals to ethos/logos, avoid cliché, etc.)
* Have no distracting spelling/grammar errors

Content Marks

* 4/6 = Summarizes 3 or more academic texts
* 5/6 = Analyzes 3 or more academic texts
* 6/6 = Analyses deeply and creates meaning from 3 or more academic texts

**Due date: May 21**