ENGL 102
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Essay Three
Length: 7-10 pages 7-10 full pages (the works cited page does NOT count as one of these pages) Note: The paper will earn an F for not meeting the parameters of the assignment if you do not have the minimum # of pages. However, I am more lenient about the grade if you go over the maximum as long as it is only a few pages over ten and there is a clear need for the extra pages.

Goals and Objectives:
Through the process of writing this essay (and all others in this course), we are trying to achieve the following:
1. Students will practice and develop the basics of writing an organized, structured, college-level essay.
2. Students will practice and develop how to construct a logical, convincing argument.
3. Students’ critical reading and analysis skills, as well as writing skills, will be developed and reinforced.
4. Students’ critical thinking and analytical skills will be developed and reinforced.
5. Students will practice and develop their research skills.
6. Students will practice and develop their ability to integrate other sources into their own writing.
7. Students will practice and develop their ability to cite other sources properly.

Instructions:
1. Develop an argumentative topic and then thesis based on one of the topics listed below. You will be both evaluating the linked essay/article AND arguing either that the author is right or that the author is wrong. You must use at least one quote from the article/essay given in the topic within your essay.
2. Avoid logical fallacies.
3. Support your points and refute the opposing viewpoints with evidence from other sources. In other words, use research material to support your points.
4. Your sources should include at least one scholarly/academic journal and one book, even if it is a reference book, as well as an article from one of the library’s databases, among other sources. (This should be in addition to the one from the scholarly/academic journal, which you will probably also find on a database.) You must use at least five sources. The article you are evaluating and arguing for or against does not count as one of these sources. (You may use as many over and beyond five as you wish.) Cite your sources (including the article/essay you are evaluating and arguing for or against) correctly according to the 8th edition MLA documentation style using in-text and/or parenthetical citations in your essay, as well as in a Works Cited list at the end of the paper. Errors in your citations will seriously damage your grade.
5. Note: Wikipedia is not a valid academic resource! You may not use it! And though you may quote from a dictionary in your paper, a dictionary does not
count as one of your required resources (though you do have to cite it if you use it).

**WARNING:**

**If you do not use the correct number and type of sources, or if you do not have the assigned number of pages (a minimum of seven full pages, not counting the works cited list), you will receive an F for not meeting the parameters of the assignment.**

It must be clear from the works cited list what type of source each source is. If you do not do the citations correctly, and I cannot tell what type of source it is, then you will fail for not meeting the parameters of the assignment.

**Failure to use the MLA citation style correctly, in both the in-text/parenthetical citations as well as the works cited ones, will result in serious points taken off of your grade. If you fail to use either in-text/parenthetical citations or a works cited list, you will fail for plagiarism.**

**Topics:**

1) In the editorial, "**Undermining an effective birth control funding program to promote abstinence is the height of stupidity,**" *The Los Angeles Times* editorial board argues against the Trump administration's attempts to change the Title X grant's guidelines regarding birth control to emphasize only abstinence only counseling for teenagers as the way to prevent teen pregnancies. Argue whether or not the authors' are right in their argument, and use the strengths and/or weaknesses of the argument to support your points either in your reasoning or through refutation.

2) In the opinion article, "**US Embassy opening in Jerusalem is nail in coffin of peace process,**" James Zogby argues (in the text, not the video) that by moving the US embassy to Jerusalem, the Trump administration has destroyed any peace process in the Middle East between Arab countries, Palestinians and Israelis. Argue whether or not the author is right in their argument, and use the strengths and/or weaknesses of the argument to support your points either in your reasoning or through refutation.

3) In the opinion article, "**Trump's new prescription drug plan is incomplete -- here are two ways to make it better,**" Fox news writers Henry I. Miller and John Cohrsse argue that Trump's new prescription plan is inadequate, and they offer potential solutions.

4) Consider these two articles representing opposing views on the Trump administration's cancelation of the Iran/US nuclear treaty: "**Opinion: Trump is exactly right about Iran’s misdeeds,**" and "**By ending the Iran deal, Trump has put America on the path to war**". Choose which of these articles you agree with, and use the strengths in that one to argue that the author is correct, but then also use the weaknesses in the other one to strengthen your argument by refuting its most important claims.
5) Consider the following opinion articles about the policy of separating children from their parents at the border. Argue for or against one of these articles' positions on this immigration policy of separating children from their parents at the border. You may use information from any of these articles, but you are focusing on one article's argument.

**Separating immigrant children from their parents is child abuse**

**Trump's order doesn't afford border children meaningful protection**

**The Real Story Behind Trump's Immigrant Executive Order**

**Don’t be fooled: Trump’s immigration policy is still incredibly cruel**

**Instead of criticizing Trump on immigration issues we should thank him**

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**Checklist**
Do you have:

- At least five sources (NOT counting the topic's article/essay)
- A complete works cited list, including the topic's article/essay? (Note: even a dictionary must be cited, though a dictionary does not count as one of the required sources.)
- A book as one of your sources?
- An article from at least one scholarly/academic journal?
- An article from one of the college’s databases? (This should be in addition to the one from the scholarly/academic journal, which you will probably also find on a database.)
- Quotes and paraphrases to support your points, correctly cited in both the text of your essay and in the works cited list?
- A minimum of seven full pages, plus your works cited list (which is page eight if you have only seven pages)?
An actual argument? In other words, is your thesis arguing something about your topic, or did you write only an informative paper? You must be arguing something in this essay.

In-text/parenthetical citations?

Are your quotations formatted correctly according to the MLA citation style, especially if they are long quotes?

Do you have a works cited list, and is it formatted correctly?

Did you put page numbers and your last name in the top right hand corner, MLA style?

Did you put your name, etc., in the correct MLA style heading?

Did you follow directions??!