**Essay #3 Argument**

**Should College Education be Free?**

Essay #3 is an argument paper and will be based on research. Your sources must represent different viewpoints.

**Part I: Finding Internet sources**

Before you take a position on any issue, you must read extensively about it. As part of this assignment, find **4 Internet articles** on the topic of free college education in the USA: two must be **in favor** of free college education and the other two against it. **You will be asked to use quotes from all 4 articles in your essay.**

**Part II: Pre-Writing**

1. Decide where you stand on the issue of free college education and make an outline for your essay. You must include a section in your essay where you will address the counterargument (position opposite from yours).

2. Submit the outline for approval by your instructor.

**Part III: Drafting**

Once you get your instructor’s approval, begin drafting your essay. Follow the structure we used for the other two essays. Here is the structure that you need to follow:

 **Par 1** - intro paragraph with thesis;

 **Par 2,3,4** – body paragraphs (with proper topic sentences) supporting your

 claim (thesis statement).

 **Par 5** – counterargument (address the “other side” of the argument; explain

 their position and point out why their argument is not as strong as yours.

 **Par 6** – conclusion

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**Essay #3 Requirements**

* must be **4 pages long** and in MLA format
* must include **6 quotes** (all sources must be quoted)
* must include a **Works Cited** page properly formatted.

Review the instructions materials posted in D2L for Essay #2 for help with citations.

**What you need to demonstrate in your writing:**

1. Your understanding of Argumentation genre and the basic elements of an academic Argument.

2. Your ability to express an informed opinion on an issue and support it with evidence.

3. Your knowledge of MLA ***in-text citations*** standards (quotes).

4. Your understanding of a college essay structure and organization.

Your grade for this essay will be based on the points listed above.