Major Writing Assignment: Argument Paper

# Objective

To write a 3-page minimum argumentative paper, to properly insert research into an argument using MLA format, to create a Works Cited page

Components to turn in: Finished argument and Works Cited page

# Topic

Select a product that you feel will benefit students or faculty at XXXXX College. In other words, you are persuading a specific audience, XXXX College administrators, to buy the product in order to benefit students or faculty. To persuade your audience, you will provide supporting points gathered from your examination of product and research. Your research may come from websites featuring the product or sources that explain how the products works or its benefits. Also, consider sources that discuss specific features of the product or describe why such a product is needed (example—safety, to avoid a specific problem, to correct an error, etc.)

- a product for a science lab

- a specific type of gym equipment for a P.E. course

- a specific type of equipment that would benefit students’ work in on-campus clinical settings (example—equipment for our nursing or dental hygiene program)

- a specific type of technology for any classroom

(**You can choose what topic you want to discuss)- please let me know beforehand…**

In addition to these guidelines, consider the following **requirements**:

* Cite a minimum of 3 sources (websites, books, or databases)
* Use MLA documentation (works cited and in-text citations)
* 3 complete pages minimum (text should reach the bottom of page three, works cited page does not count as part of the three pages) **total of 4 end to end pages if student name, teacher, class, and name page will be included and the citations included.**
* 12 point font
* Times New Roman or a similar font
* 1 inch margins
* Double spaced
* Proofread
* Avoid using contractions (example—isn’t) Spell out both words (example—is not).
* Avoid using “I” and “you.” Replace “you” with a specific group (examples—Internet users, nurses, students, consumers, etc.).
* See example format sheet related to the placement of your name, course, page numbers, title, etc.

### Organization

**Introduction**

* Grab the reader’s attention
* Describe the product. Be specific.
* Thesis Statement (a statement in last sentence of the introduction, stating your position)

The thesis should include your target audience. (Example—Golfers should purchase Product X to improve their putting.

**Body Paragraphs (3 or more body paragraphs)**

* Topic sentence (The first sentence of each body paragraph should contain a main idea, meaning one specific reason to convince your target audience that they should purchase this product.)
* Support (your own ideas, examples, quoted material from research, statistics, etc. to support each topic sentence)
* Remember to cover only one main idea per paragraph

**Conclusion**

* Reemphasize thesis statement
* Think of the conclusion as a closing argument (like the ones you see on law shows). This is your last chance to persuade your audience.
* Give a call to action. You are asking them to purchase a specific product. Where can they purchase this product? Provide any details that will help them to obtain the product.

**Note—In-text citations will appear at various points in your paper.**

**Works Cited**

* The works cited page will appear on a separate page. It contain at least two sources in MLA format. This should not be simply a list of web addresses. You should have complete citations.