

## ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

### **Objective:**

For this essay assignment, you will write a 5 – 7 page argumentative essay about a social issue with which you identify. After making a stand, you will support that stand with scholarly resources.

### **Process:**

Choose a specific area concerning your social issue. This choice will conform to the essay you have chosen from *The Conscious Reader*. Be specific in your choice of topics. For example, if your topic is “drinking,” then narrow it down to “drinking laws,” “under-aged drinking,” or “alcoholism.”

### Establish a Controlling Idea –

After doing library research, read your articles and books to decide on a “unique” stand you will take. Are you for stronger drinking laws? Do you support under-aged drinking? Is alcoholism inherent or environmental? Find one person in one of your readings who has an opposite point of view from you about your issue. This is the person you will be arguing against in your paper. Generally, you will want to discuss several areas on your topic such as psychological, social, and economical affects.

This paper will contain the tropes we learned in class and not contain “is”s (See Rubric for other details). Background information and some statistics will add depth to this paper.

### WORKS CITED

- Essay from *The Conscious Reader*
- Article(s) from scholarly journal
- Definition from OED (Oxford English Dictionary)
- Internet Sources
- Book(s)

The number of sources will depend on the answers you find, but you are required to use at least one of each. Again, the possible areas you will want to consider are the psychological, social, and economic effects of your topic.

### **Conclusion:**

By the end of your essay, your audience will understand your well-supported side of the argument even though they may not agree with you.

### **Due:**

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