

**Possible Topics**

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Below are a series of possible topics for your Persuasion Argument essay. The end result is five full paragraphs, following a standard MLA format, plus a works cited page.

- A. Is it wise to devote time and money to building a space station on the moon or Mars? Why or why not? Explain your answer.
- B. What would improve your town or city? Write an essay convincing officials to make a change that would improve your neighborhood.
- C. Nearly all private schools require students to wear uniforms. Should public school students wear uniforms too? Argue for or against school uniforms for public school students. Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.
- D. Top professional athletes often have salaries and bonuses in the tens of millions of dollars. Do you think these athletes deserve this type of income? Why or why not? Explain your position and use specific reasons and examples.
- E. Can cell phones be used as education tools in the classroom? Is it possible for your teachers to use cell phone apps in the classroom effectively? Why or why not?

**Objectives**

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- 1. Follow the academic paragraph pattern established in class.
- 2. Follow the MLA template provided.
- 3. Introduction paragraph needs to include a syllogism (if, then, therefore statement) which explains the definition of your chosen topic.
- 4. Last sentence of introduction will state your thesis.
- 5. Each body paragraph is required to have at least one quote with proper in-text citations.
- 6. Use appropriate signal phrases to introduce quotations; include appropriate in-text citations.
- 7. Conclusion may restate the thesis, but will not repeat it word-for-word.
- 8. Full document must be typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point.
- 9. Paper may be submitted on paper or into digital classroom.  
No handwritten essays.

**Due: Thursday 03.08.18, end of class**

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