



## ENGL148: The Argument Research Essay Overview

In ENGL148, you will write a full Argument Research Essay. You will work each week to build this essay using tools to help you develop your topics and ideas, create a full essay plan, and draft and revise an essay. Briefly, the essay will require:

- 4-5 pages of writing plus a properly formatted APA coversheet and reference page
- 4 scholarly resources cited and incorporated into the essay using proper APA
- additional APA formatting and writing requirements detailed in the Week 6 assignment area

### The Argument Research Essay Steps by Week

Starting in Week 2, you will begin preparing to write your 4-5-page Argument Research Essay.

- In **Week 2**, you will study the argument pattern of writing, how to use prewriting, and how to research scholarly sources and cite them. You will apply all of this knowledge toward **completing a proposal worksheet for your Argument Research Essay**. You may also use the Cybercafe discussion to work with your classmates on your essay.
- In **Week 3**, you will study how to outline an argument, how to use the Toulmin and Aristotle argument models, how to properly summarize, paraphrase, and quote and how to create an annotated bibliography. You will be participating in your first Writing Workshop, receiving and giving peer reviews over the Argument Research Proposal Worksheet.
- In **Week 4**, you will study how the essay is structured, how to write strong and balanced arguments, and how to write strong introductions and conclusions and format a simple essay in APA. For your assignment, you will draft the introduction, one body, and conclusion paragraph for your Argument Research Essay. You will be able to use the Cybercafe discussion to work with your classmates on your essay.
- In **Week 5**, you will participate in a Writing Workshop with peers again, getting your introduction, one body, and conclusion paragraphs in the best shape possible to pick up revision tools you might use for the other paragraphs when later doing your full essay revisions.
- In **Week 6**, you will **submit the first draft of your Argument Research Essay to your instructor for grading**. The topics you study in Week 6 include a checklist for a full argument research essay and argument genres. You will again have the opportunity to use the Cybercafe discussion to work with your classmates on your essay.
- In **Week 7**, you will study peer reviewing and writing workshops. You will then be revising and editing and reflecting on your writing process and activities in your final Writing Workshop.
- In **Week 8**, you will study revisions from global to granular and how argument and research can be used in everyday life. You will make final revisions and edits to your Argument Research Essay and turn in your final draft.