

# Argumentative Writing: Ethical Issue

## APA Research Essay

**Direction:** You will be writing an essay based on your original ethical issue assignment.

You will need to follow the APA (American Psychological Association) format. This will be discussed in class. Refer to the handout. Be sure to select 12pt Times New Roman and double space.

**Title page:** You will need to have a title page with your topic, name, and school name. Insert heading and page number ---> Runner Head: TITLE (title should be all caps, and header is flushed left) and a page number 1 (flushed right). If you are using Google drive, you will not be able to distinguish between the title page and the following pages so omit Runner Head on the first page.

**Abstract:** Write the heading "Abstract" (centered) then include a short summary (abstract) of what the paper is about on page 2. In the short abstract include topic, your claim, your reason, and the counterclaim. **On the margin write T for topic; write C for claim; R for reason; and CC for counterclaim.**

**Introductory paragraph:** On page 3, start with the title (centered) then include the topic of your essay, your claim, and a counterclaim, and hook.

**Body:** Continue on from introduction, in the following two paragraphs, write at least two reasons to validate your claim. **Write R for reason(s)** on the margin. This must be backed up by scientific evidence(s). **Write E for evidence.** In presenting evidence, be sure to refer to your sources using in text source citation (APA format). This will be discussed in class. Without your sources for the evidences, your reason will not be valid.

Be sure to write at least one counterclaim and a reason to refute it. Your writing should be well organized and clear.

**Concluding paragraph:** Restate your claim and your reasons for support it. **Write C for claim and R for reason.**

**References:** Start on a new page with the word "References" centered on top. Include at least three sources used. They need to be in alphabetical order and follow APA format discussed in class. Be sure to indent second and third line Refer to your APA format handout. If you do not have an author, start with a title, year in parenthesis (2014). No year/date, then write (n.d.). You will find some examples in the back of this paper.

Before turning in your paper, you need to proof-read. I will print it for you if you share the document on google drive. Be sure to check for any errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, sentence formation, and capitalization.

Finally, check that you have followed the APA format discussed in class. Give yourself a score using BHS argumentative writing rubric. Then have a peer grade your paper using the same rubric but different color pen/pencil. Please do not use red pen. The teacher will grade on the same rubric using red pen. The criteria on the rubric will be discussed in class.