

**Requirements for this assignment**:

* Take a stance on an issue and validate that stance with data and research.
* Format: use MLA format, double spacing, and 12 pt. font
* Length: minimum 5 pages (at least one word on Page 6)
* Your Works Cited page should be on a separate page, which will appear at the end of your essay.
* Use a formal tone. Do not use “you,” first person pronouns like “I” or “me,” or contractions.
* A clearly stated thesis should appear in the introduction paragraph.
* Acknowledge the other side, the one that disagrees with you. This will occur after you have made your stance but before you conclude.
* Use in-text citations to give credit to the author(s) of information that is not your original work.
* Use at least 5 sources (all must be cited at least once in your essay).