

English 2030

Final Research Paper Assignment

Assignment: Write an 8- to 10-page paper in which you engage, inform, and *persuade* a general audience.

Write a *research essay*, in which you use the information you gather to take a stand or argue a position

Research requirements: Your essay must contain a minimum of 5 outside sources (5-10 is general range but may exceed this). Use the information we've studied this term on critical thinking and argumentation to persuade your audience. Your topic is up to you.

Note that you have every right to alter the direction or focus of your topic, or to abandon it completely and select a new one right up until the final draft is due. If you would like feedback from me while considering changes, feel free to contact me.

You will use MLA parenthetical documentation and list all sources in a work cited list. Use Times New Roman, 12-point font with 1" margins and double spacing. Format the document according to MLA formatting rules. Note this website for more on these rules:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

This paper is due the last day of class.