

## Argumentative Essay

*Writing II – Submitted for a Test Grade (2½ - 3 Page Minimum)*

For our second unit, we have been looking at argumentative writing. For your second test grade for this unit, you are going to write an argumentative essay about the following topic:

*Identify one (school appropriate) topic that you think should be offered as an elective at Archimedean Upper Conservatory. Write an argumentative essay where you provide reasons why you believe that it would be a useful subject to offer at Archimedean.*

Your essay must be 2½ - 3 pages, typed, with an introduction, conclusion, and body paragraphs. You additionally must cite two outside pieces of research (in MLA format) as evidence in your argument.

### **Formatting Requirements:**

Each essay will be a formal, written essay. Therefore, they should adhere to MLA formatting guidelines, which includes:

- Being written in paragraph form, with an introduction, conclusion, and body paragraphs.
- 12 point, Times New Roman font
- 1" Margins
- MLA-Style Header
- Title (even if it's something plain, like "Writing II Argumentative Essay")

### **When Is This Due?**

- Your outline for your argumentative essay (Quiz Grade) is due Wednesday, Friday April 26th
- Your final argumentative essay is due Friday May 3rd

## Argumentative Essay (Grading Rubric)

### **Main Idea / Thesis Statement** \_\_\_\_\_ / 4

*Your essay has a focused and clear thesis statement, your thesis statement is clearly stated in the introductory paragraph, and all of your writing choices work to support that main idea throughout the entire essay.*

### **Topic Sentences** \_\_\_\_\_ / 4

*Your body paragraphs have topic sentences with bold, arguable claims, and those claims are supported throughout the entire paragraph.*

### **Supporting Details** \_\_\_\_\_ / 4

*The supporting details in your body paragraphs provide appropriate elaboration on your topic sentence, and provide additional detail on how the examples in your body paragraphs relate to your overall point of your essay.*

### **Organization** \_\_\_\_\_ / 4

*Your essay is overall well organized and easy to understand. It is written in paragraph form in complete sentences, and your writing employs a variety of sentence structures. If your organization does confuse the reader, it is brief and easily forgiven.*

### **Grammar, Formatting & Citation** \_\_\_\_\_ / 4

*Your citations and essay are formatted in MLA style correctly, and your essay is written in standard, classroom-appropriate English. If there are grammar mistakes, they are minor and easily forgotten, as they do not impede the overall meaning of the essay.*

**Total Points** \_\_\_\_\_ / **20**  
\_\_\_\_\_ % / **100%**