**Persuasive Research Essay**

Description:

Each of you have written a journal entry about something that you care about. In your journals you wrote everything down that you know about this subject, everything that you want to know, and what got you interested in this topic. You will be using your journal as a starting point to write a persuasive essay about this issue. Your job in this essay will be to persuade your audience to feel the same way that you do about the topic. You will need to develop one arguable thesis. Your entire essay should support this thesis (50 points).

For example: “The most ethical and sustainable diet is a vegetarian diet.” I can support this and it can also be countered.

When you are writing this paper, you need to include research. Persuasive essays are most effective when the author has a command on the material that they are discussing. You will need to include:

1. One source that supports your opinion (10 points)
2. One source that opposes your opinion (10 points)
3. An interview with someone that has knowledge on this subject (10 points)

Your essay must be at the **minimum**, 3 pages. (10 points)

You must follow MLA format. (5 points)

Paper should be free of careless errors. If you use a sentence fragment stylistically, please indicate where this occurs. This way, I will know that you know you are using sentence fragments. (5 points)

\*\*\*You may choose to create a blog on your research findings. If you choose to do this, each component of your paper should constitute a separate blog entry.

**Due date: Tuesday, April 24**