

1101 ESSAY 3 – OPPOSING VIEWS (M-W)

State and argue your position on one of the following topics: (1) The Death Penalty, (2) Abortion, (3) Born Gay? The Origin of Sexual Orientation

1. Essay must be word-processed (typed) and double-spaced.
2. Number the pages. Set margins at 1 inch for all four sides.
3. Use font type **Times New Roman** and **font size 12**.
4. Provide word count at end; 700 words minimum.
5. Include a "Works Cited" page and cites from at least five sources (underline cites). Use at least two sources from Library-approved database. Library assistance is mandatory. **Must** connect in-text references (cites) to all resources named on Works Cited page. Consult Gordon State Library, SSC, Purdue OWL, and pages 1142-1164 of text for proper MLA citing procedure.
6. See reverse for (1) title page information for argument/persuasion essay, and (2) development of proper thesis statement.
7. Use five-paragraph format (more than five allowed):
 1. Introductory paragraph containing thesis statement. Use thesis statement to introduce your main points.
 2. Develop main point 1 in body paragraph # 1
 3. Develop main point 2 in body paragraph # 2
 4. Develop main point 3 in body paragraph # 3, etc.
 5. Conclusion. Restate (without copying) the main points of your thesis statement and draw discussion to a close.
8. Underline thesis statement in your introductory paragraph.
9. Underline topic sentence in each of your body paragraphs.
10. In your concluding paragraph, underline concluding summary statement which restates/refers again to your three (or more) main points.
11. Use transition words/expressions to ensure a smooth flow from one paragraph to the next.
12. Follow all normal essay guidelines regarding the "Thou Shalt Not" list, contractions, "you" words, etc. Use past-tense verbs. Grade reduction imposed for not following all essay and citing guidelines.
13. This is your final and most challenging library-research paper, most like 1102 assignments. Take this seriously. Last opportunity to demonstrate ability to do ENGL 1102 work.

Sample Title Page Information for Essay 3

The Death Penalty: Effective Deterrent to Crime?
Why The Death Penalty Is (Is Not) An Effective Deterrent To Crime

(Use standard format for student information at bottom of page)

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Essay # 3 – Argument Essay/Opposing Views
Assigned on XX-XX-XX – due on XX-XX-XX
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Development of Thesis Statement

1. Definition: *For an argument/persuasion essay, a thesis statement is an opinion-based sentence that identifies the topic of your paper. Make this the last sentence in your introductory paragraph.*
2. The thesis statement:
 - (1) must state an opinion
 - (2) must be debatable
 - (3) must be specific
3. Write a brief statement about your topic meeting the three conditions above. *(I believe that the SAT tests should be eliminated.)*
4. Apply your three requirements:
 - (1) Is your statement an opinion? Yes.
 - (2) Is your statement debatable? Yes.
 - (3) Is your statement specific? Yes.
5. Add a reason for your opinion. *(I believe that the SAT tests should be eliminated because they cannot predict success in college.)*
6. Take yourself out by eliminating "I believe," and you are left with your thesis statement. *(SAT tests should be eliminated because they cannot predict success in college.) (The death penalty should be imposed in all states because it is a strong deterrent to crime.) Follow this with supporting statements (A, B, C, etc.).*