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English 10001, Section 208, Burhanna

Writing Assignment #3 -- Due in class on Wednesday October 24th

Instructions:

1. Select one of the following topics and write an **argumentative essay**.

- Human Cloning
- Privacy of Information
- Gun Control
- Corporate Responsibility
- Freedom of Speech

These are topics that we have read or will be reading about in class. It's up to you to develop a concise thesis relating to one of these topics. Remember, your thesis needs to be specific. If you wish, you may write about a different topic of your choice, but you must get approval from me first.

2. Remember an argumentative essay is built around a specific statement (your thesis) that is debatable. You need to concern yourself with both **supporting** your position in the argument and **overcoming** the objections of others who might disagree. **Tip:** Put yourself in the shoes of the point-of-view most different from yours and try to understand the other side of the argument first. This will help you overcome the strongest objections to your argument.
3. Incorporate three outside sources into your essay. See Library Research Guide for guidance. Cite supporting material according to the MLA-style documentation. See your Harbrace chapter 38 for documentation rules.
4. Type or word-process your paper.
5. Double space.
6. Leave at least 1" margins on sides and top and bottom.
7. Make sure your essay has a descriptive, accurate title.
8. Include page numbers.
9. Write your name, Essay #3, and date in the upper left hand corner of your first page.
10. Essay should run from 750 to 1500 words.
11. Outlines do not need to be handed in with this essay, but outlining is highly recommended for the planning stages of your essay.