You are to write an argumentative essay on a topic of your choice. You MUST pick one side of an argument and stick with it. You are not allowed to be in the middle.

**Requirements:**

* No personal pronouns are used (I, me, my, us, our, we, you, your, mine)
* Has a counter argument
* Has all the parts of an argument
* Has AT LEAST 2 DIFFERENT sources used for support
* Has in-text citations
* MLA Format
  + Times New Roman size 12
  + Has a title
  + Has a heading
  + Has a header
  + Double spaced
  + 1 inch margins around every page
  + Has a Works Cited page
    - The words WORKS CITED are centered and follow the rules for your essay title
    - Double spaced
    - Last page of essay
    - Header with page number continue on the page
    - Sources are listed in alphabetical order based on the first word listed in each source
    - Times New Roman size 12
    - Has hanging indents for each source
    - 1 inch margins around the whole page
    - Sources listed are used in the essay and vise versa
    - The sources follow the correct “formula” when written

**Deadlines:**

It is your responsibility to meet each deadline. If you are absent on a day when I check work, it is your responsibility to show me when you return.

**Final drafts must be typed. If they are handwritten or 1 day late, they will 50% off**

**If it they are turned in AFTER the start of class or later in the day, they will be 10% off**

Topic:

Outline:

RD 1 due:

RD 2 due:

Final Draft due:

Choose one of the following prompts:

1. Many people believe that television violence/video game violence has a negative effect on society because it promotes violence. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your response.
2. Many of us spend hours in front of the computer and communicate more by email or instant messaging than in person. Some people believe that this is good because it helps shy people communicate more openly with others. Others believe that computer communication prevents us from developing interpersonal skills and limits our ability to have meaningful relationships with others. How do you feel about this issue? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.
3. Elementary and secondary schools around the country are beginning to actively address the problem of bullies. In your opinion, is bullying an issue that should be addressed by schools or left to parents? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.
4. Medical researchers, cosmetic companies, and others often perform experiments on animals. Many people feel that experimentation on animals is wrong and should be stopped immediately because animals do feel pain, and there are other alternatives. How do you feel? State your position and explain your reasons.

**If there is a topic you wish to write about that is not on this list, clear it with me first**