Researched Position Paper Prompt

**ENG 112**

**\*Food & Society\***

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**Due dates:**

* Rough Draft: submit rough draft in Canvas by assigned conference time during Week of the course Due November 29, by 11:59 p.m.
* Final draft: submit by Sunday, December 6, by 11:59 p.m. through Canvas

**The Rhetorical Situation**

For your Annotated Bibliography, you compiled several reputable sources on your chosen topic and summarized their contents. Next, you were required to gather history and background information as well as offer viewpoints from experts on your issue in an unbiased manner. Now—finally—it is time for you to piece your essay together!

For this paper, you will advocate your position on your food-related issue with a well-supported 7-10 page argument for your classmates and instructor.

**Formatting Requirements:**

* Follow MLA 8th edition formatting requirements: 12-point font, Times New Roman, Typed, double spaced, title, and one-inch margins all the way around.
* This essay should be written with clarity and free from grammatical errors using academically appropriate language.
* Use third person frequently and first person sparingly.

**Research Requirements:**

* You must consult (and include information from) a minimum of 6 sources in this essay.
* All consulted sources must be properly cited, according to MLA 8th edition standards, on a works cited page.
* Three of those sources must be peer reviewed.  A peer reviewed source comes from a reputable journal (example:  *Journal of Pediatric Medicine*or*Journal of Psychiatry)*or is published by a major publishing house from a top university.  Articles from *Time* and *Newsweek* or any of the news agencies are not peer reviewed.  The rest of the sources must be reputable which means they cannot be from blogs, *Wikipedia*, or random .com websites.  Essentially, your works cited page should be the same sources you used for your annotated bibliography.
* Quoted and paraphrased material from outside sources must be cited within the essay using properly formatted MLA in-text citations.

**Grading Criteria:**

Focus – 20 points

* Clear thesis statement (supported by evidence in the essay)
* Clear and logical organizational pattern used to educate audience on subject of essay

Argumentation & Development – 30 points

* A clear position is taken on a timely, thoughtful, and food-related issue
* This position is clearly and thoroughly supported throughout the essay using logical argumentation, relevant research and evidence, and appropriate rhetorical strategies
* Essay is not merely a collection of quotations/research from sources
* Research/quotations are adequately explained and/or analyzed for the reader’s understanding. Research is intelligently and thoughtfully used to support the writer’s (your) claims

Research integration and documentation – 25 points

* Use of 6 sources meeting the assignment’s research requirements
* Use of signal/introductory phrases
* Proper punctuation
* In-text/internal citations
* Works Cited page

Grammar-Spelling-Punctuation – 15 points

* Adherence to standard American English grammar, spelling, and punctuation

MLA format – 10 points

* Double-spaced
* Times New Roman, size 12 font
* Left-hand corner header listing your name, my name, course name, date of assignment submission
* “Running” right-hand corner header with your last name and page number
* Paragraphs indented
* Title that does not include the name of or description of the assignment, but rather offers something - an additional perspective on or point of interest in the essay itself.