

## Essay #5: The Argument Essay

Write a properly focused argument, using one of the following ideas OR an idea of your choice that your professor has approved, on some topic you feel strongly about. Study all sides of the issue so you can argue effectively and appeal to a particular audience. Support your proposition with logical evidence.

- Requiring safety locks on firearm triggers
- Prohibiting development of private property to save endangered species
- English as the official language of the United States
- Filters on Internet stations at public libraries
- Increasing federal support of developing alternative energy such as solar power
- Universal health care
- Bilingual instruction in schools
- The effectiveness of some kind of alternative medicine (or some particular diet)
- Allowing or prohibiting guns on college campuses
- Taxpayer funding for professional athletic facilities
- Use of animals for research
- A campus, local, or state issue
- Immigration reform
- Providing federal funding to support religious charities
- Publicly funded private school vouchers
- Monitoring U.S. citizen's phone conversations to detect potential terrorist threats
- Virtual universities where all classes are conducted on the Internet
- Allowing firearms to be carried on college campuses

You may **NOT** write on the following topics (as they have been done to death):

- Prayer in public schools
- Abortion
- Gay marriage
- School uniforms
- The death penalty

Your essay must:

-Be formal in tone

-Include **4** Collin College related sources and a Works Cited page

-Be **3-6** pages in length

-Follow MLA formatting guidelines and those set forth in the "Paper Guide" packet

Failure to adhere to formatting guidelines will result in a grade deduction of up to 10 points.