**Argument Essay Prewriting and Plan**

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**Pre-writing, Argumentative Essay Introduction and Thesis, an Argumentative Plan, and First Sources**

1. **Your Thesis Statement**: Please provide your thesis statement with a clear stance and situated within the debate you chose in Week 1.

2. **Your Prewriting**: With your thesis in mind, perform prewriting.

a. Brainstorm for a list of three reasons your stance is important and valid and write those three reasons below.

b. Brainstorm for a list of three reasonable opposing arguments others may make against your thesis/stance and write those three opposing arguments below.

3. **Your Introduction Paragraph Draft**: After carefully studying the techniques for writing good argument essay introduction paragraphs in the Week 2 lesson, please write the first draft of your full introduction paragraph for your argument research essay. Keep in mind: Overview of issue and existing debate, clearly stated thesis that asserts your particular stance and angle within the debate.

Please remember the sample introduction paragraph section from the Week 2 Lesson and model your introduction paragraph carefully on that example, also reading the explanation for each part of the introduction paragraph in the lesson.

4. **Your Tentative Sources**: Please create a list of at least four scholarly sources you are currently examining, including those you cited above. Two must be sources that in some way support your stance, and two must be sources that in some way oppose your stance. You must construct this list in full APA format and with each source employing full and correct APA standards. For proper individual APA source referencing and references page formatting, please see the APA section in the Chamberlain Writing Center.