Argument Essay Guidelines

Utilizing information from your Research Report, construct a reasonable argument of 8 to 10 pages in length, including the Works Cited, double-spaced. You may have to rewrite your information to reflect the different purpose of this essay as you are now writing an argumentative essay, and you definitely want to follow the categories of argument in your Plan of Development.

At least six sources should be used; these will likely be the same ones used in the Research Report; however, you may want to add more sources. All information used from sources must be properly documented within the paper using parenthetical documentation and must be properly listed on the Works Cited page. Follow your Plan of Development!

MLA style formatting is required, which means no title page is needed; your name, course name, and date should appear on upper left side of the first page; your last name and the page number should appear on the upper right side of each page. Double-space, use 12-point font, preferably Times New Roman, and save your report as an MS Word document. Be sure to proofread your essay carefully, making corrections.

Essay Scoring:

A. Introduction: Interesting
   Persuasive plan of development and thesis in place
B. Body Paragraphs
   Topic Sentences with each
   Refutations of opposing arguments with research
   Your side of the argument with development/facts/detail/illustrations/paraphrasing
C. Conclusion
D. Sentence structure/grammar/mechanics – Having more than three (3) errors per page is really not acceptable. This can hurt the quality of your paper more than you may think.

The first draft of the Argument essay will be due in Learning Unit 9, and the final draft will be due in Learning Unit 11.