

## Essay Instructions

Step 1: Read through the Writing Essays tutorial on the course web site.

Step 2: Write an argumentative essay. The excellent essay contains all the key features taught in the tutorial, and a demonstration that these concepts are understood.

A reasonable presentation of both sides must be present.

Papers will be run through plagiarism detection software.

Details:

Length: two to three pages

Typed, double-spaced.

Due date: 05/6/20

Approved Issues:

Only one person may do each issue. Let me know what issue you will do. Once an issue is chosen, it will be off the list. First come, first serve.

(If the issue is crossed out, then it is no longer available.)

- Should carpool lanes be eliminated?
- Should taxpayers subsidize the ballet?
- ~~Should cities pay to build sports facilities for private professional teams (like the Raiders, A's, or the Warriors)?~~
- Should the government restrict the level of horsepower that an automobile can have (so it won't go too fast)?
- Should gas taxes be used only for highway improvements and things related to automobiles, or should they be used for unrelated things like busses or education?
- ~~Upon graduation, should universities be required to help get their students jobs?~~
- ~~Should music, art, and other non-essential programs be eliminated from high schools to save money?~~
- ~~Should grades be eliminated at community college?~~
- Should people be allowed to cut down trees on their own property without getting a permit from the city?
- ~~Should students have the option of renting their textbooks instead of having to buy them?~~
- Should soda machines be banned from high school campuses?
- Should slot machines be installed in the student union?
- ~~Should a naturalized citizen be allowed to run for president?~~
- Should people be allowed to register to vote at the polling place (on election day)?
- Should individual businesses be allowed to decide whether or not their patrons can smoke?
- Should the government limit the amount of money a corporate executive can make?
- Should the public high school football coach be allowed to pray with his team before the game?
- Assuming only two alternatives are being considered: Which of the following alternatives is preferable and why? Either close the public library on Sunday or raise property taxes?
- ~~Empirical evidence shows that primarily poor people participate in the lottery. The result is that the lottery is a tax on poor people. Should state lotteries be eliminated?~~
- Should carpool lanes be turned into toll lanes?
- Should federal money be used for the restoration of California missions?
- Should any car that gets at least the same mileage as a hybrid like a Toyota Prius be allowed in the carpool lane?

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