ENG1102/McCaffrey
Research Paper Assignment

Objectives:
- To learn to write well-developed, sustained arguments
- To learn to use outside sources to support your claims
- To learn how to find and evaluate information
- To learn to use proper documentation

Purpose: To write a persuasive research paper on a controversial issue

Length: 2000-word minimum (not including Works Cited page)

Format and Documentation Style: Modern Language Association (MLA)

Minimum Number Of Sources: 5 sources

Considerations for the research paper:
- Develop and support a thesis that takes a stand on the issue
- Include background on the issue
- Address the opposition’s arguments
- Offer solid evidence to support your claims (statistics, facts, data)
- Maintain a clear focus toward an established audience throughout the paper
- Organize the material presented in a coherent, logical manner
- Use signals, cues, transitions, and paragraph hooks to achieve coherence between ideas and paragraphs
- Use conventions of standard, academic, written English
- Spell-check, proofread, edit, revise, proofread some more

Include an introduction that
- Introduces the audience to the issue being addressed
- Identifies clearly the writer’s claim
- Examines why this information is important to the specified audience
- Announces the organization of the paper

Include a conclusion that
- Restates the writer’s thesis
- Summarizes the support to your claims
- Calls for action, looks beyond the academic exercise