

Common Core State Standards Writing 9-10.1:

Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

Assignment: This is an argument essay. You will make a claim, state your position and demonstrate - through evidence and logical reasoning - why you hold that position. You must acknowledge a counterclaim and make a rebuttal in your paper. Use a minimum of three (3) sources for your research and in your Works Cited page.

Topic: The overall topic is 'energy sources.' From this very broad topic, your paper's focus should narrow down to a particular type of energy source or, at most, two energy sources. Decide whether your paper will argue that the energy source is good (or not) for our state, region, or country. For example, a paper on geothermal energy use in New Zealand or Iceland would be off the mark. Please refer to the wiki [possible essay prompts](#) for assistance.

Length: Five (5) paragraphs - 700-1200 words (1.75 -4 pages), not including a works cited page

NOTE: *Works Cited* is the title of your list of citations when using the MLA format.*

1. Each different type of source--book, magazine article, journal article, newspaper article, article from a reference book, World Wide Web page--has a precise format that is specified by MLA format.
2. The list includes a citation for each of the sources you used to write your paper.**
3. The list of all citations is commonly organized in a single alphabetical list.
4. It is the last (and separate) page of your paper.
5. You should have at least three (3) different sources of research information.

Due Dates:

- THESIS STATEMENT: Monday, May 12th
- EVIDENCE OF PREWRITING: Friday, May 16th
 - This submission date is for a 'bare bones' outline. I do not expect your full paper. However, please include:
 - thesis statement
 - four pieces of evidence to support your thesis
 - counterclaim you will acknowledge
 - rebuttal you will use
 - please use one of the following supports for your prewriting-
 - [interactive guide](#)
 - [graphic organizer](#)
- DRAFT: Thursday, May 22nd
- FINAL: Friday, May 30th

Format:

1. MLA format and citations for the following items:

*Works Cited and Bibliography are not the same.

** In Works Cited you only list items you have actually referred to and cited in your paper. A Bibliography lists all of the material you have consulted in preparing your essay whether or not you have actually referred to and cited the work.

- a. in-text citations [basic citation format](#)
- b. Works Cited page [basic format](#)
- c. Your last name and the page number go on the right hand in the header [example](#)
- d. First page:
 - i. on the left hand margin
 1. Your name
 2. Lisa Cassetty (teacher's name)
 3. English 10 (title or number of class)
 4. 30 May 2014 (notice that MLA format is day, month, year)
 - e. include an original title
2. NOT MLA format: Typed in Google's default: 1.15 spaced, Arial, 11 point font

Helpful sites:

- OWL at Purdue [MLA guide through OWL at Purdue](#)
- World Cat [creating an entry for Works Cited](#)
- Easy Bib <http://www.easybib.com/>
- BibMe <http://www.bibme.org/>

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