AGES Core Assessment 1

Writing Organization

You have been using the last few days determining what issue you will be writing about, completing your research and relating your issue to the political and economic concepts from the course. It is now time to begin the writing process. To help you with that process, today we will read and analyze an example of a previously written essay and then discuss the organization of your essay. Once we have done that, we will look at the rubric that will be used to grade you. For the rest of the block today, and next week, you will be given time to work on your rough drafts. Next week you will have a classmate peer edit your essay and then you will have an additional 6 days complete your final draft.

**Rough draft due: End of Block Thursday May 2, 2019**

**Final draft due: Thursday May 9, 2019**

**Essay Organization**

* Introduction:

-Hook – make the reader want to continue – don’t ask questions

-Create a context – Include some of the background on the issue to give a sense of what the issue

is – save the major details for the history/background/recent development

paragraph

-Thesis statement – should be a road map of what will be discussed in the issue –

General idea - “this is a controversial issue that has many arguments on both sides”

* Body:
* Part 1 - History/background/recent developments on the issue
  + - Where did the issue come from/ why is it a relevant issue?
    - Use information from your research
    - This is not a paper on the history of the issue so don’t make it that
* Part 2 – Arguments “For”
  + - What are the arguments?
    - What is the evidence used to make those arguments?
    - Use evidence/examples/evidence from your research
* Part 3 – Arguments “Against”
  + - What are the arguments?
    - What is the evidence used to make those arguments?
    - Use evidence/examples/evidence from your research
* Conclusion:
  + Reaffirm your thesis – don’t just restate it
  + Summarize your points without going through everything again
  + Close – leave a lasting impression

**Other things to consider while writing**

* TRANSAITIONS, TRANSITIONS, TRANSITIONS

The ideas in your essay should connect. – within the paragraphs and between paragraphs

* Don’t ask questions, make statements
* So not state your opinion or take a stand on the issue

**In text citations**

1. When do you use them?

* Whenever you are directly quoting someone

-If the person you are quoting in an expert or authority on the issue, use their name and position to add weight to the evidence

-If you are just quoting the author and that person is not an expert, don’t use their name

* If you are paraphrasing someone’s ideas – you still have to give them credit
* If you are including statistics or other specific evidence

1. What should be included?

* The citation should include the author of the source
* If there is no author, then an abbreviated version of the title of the article

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**Embedding** quotes

Examples from the sample essay

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**Including and connecting the economic and political concepts**

Choices

* Include it within the body paragraphs with the arguments for and against
* Include a separate body paragraph after your argument paragraphs
* Weave them into your conclusion