

English 201

Essay # 3

Seek out a topic that has a stance with which you strongly disagree and do your best to take that argument apart with counterarguments of your own in an essay of from 5 to 6 pages. Back up those counterarguments with information, statistics, and opinions from other sources.

Focus in on a single take – or line of reasoning - on a particular argument by using an editorial, a speech, or an article with which you really disagree. You might look again at the essays at the beginning in Part III of *The Informed Argument* and then looking at the **OR** review your handouts. When you construct your argument against a text, you can use a variety of sources as evidence to support your thesis..

You should use at least **six sources** for this paper. Using Internet sources is permissible, but you also must use at least two traditional (magazine, periodical, or book) sources to back up your counterargument. As before, you can use Wikipedia as a starting point to begin your research, but **not as a citable resource**.