ENG 122

**Research Essay Assignment**

For this assignment you will be writing an 8-10 page research essay with a clear argument.

This essay must contain an introduction that engages the reader, presents a thesis statement, and provides any necessary background information, definitions, or context.

This essay must also contain a body that thoroughly supports your thesis statement with at least 3 findings and 5 academic sources.

Finally, it must contain a conclusion that resolves your argument, includes a discussion of your findings, and offers recommendations or looks to the future.

This paper must utilize APA formatting and use at least 5 sources from the library databases.

**Examples of Research Arguments:**

Why a law should be changed.

Why something should be banned.

Why certain information is actually incorrect.

Why a certain organization, company, industry, or other group needs to change the way they are doing something.

Why everyone should or should not take part in a certain action or activity.

**Resources for this Assignment:**

* Chapter 15 of *Argument Today* includes:
  + Possible structural patterns (page 317)
  + How to organize and draft your research paper (pages 321-325)
  + 10 things you need to know about research writing (page 328)
* Chapters 16 and 17 of *Argument Today* include:
  + How to develop your research process
  + How to properly use outside sources
* Example research paper: pages 320-337 in *Argument Today*