**Argumentative Essay**

**Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

We’ve read a lot of stories and essays about survival and what it takes to achieve it. Now, I want to hear what you think. Please write a 2-page paper that argues whether or not survival is selfish. You will need to include an introduction, 2 claims, a rebuttal, and a conclusion.

Some Things to Remember:

* + A claim is your argument for your thesis. If survival is selfish, what is the first reason you say so? This is a claim.
  + Claims need to be supported with details and evidence. This comes from the reading we’ve done this unit. What authors support your claim?
  + Use key quotes to support your claims.
  + A rebuttal gives the other side of the argument. Writers don’t want to be biased, so it’s important to give the other side of the argument. Having done so, it’s then up to you to show why this isn’t enough to persuade you.
  + Keep it organized. Don’t skip around; follow the outline.

Structure:

Please follow the outline from class. I want to see this format in your paper.

1. Introduction
   1. Hook
   2. Transition
   3. Thesis
   4. Transition
2. Claim 1
   1. Topic Sentence
   2. Explain your claim
   3. Support from Author 1
      1. Introduce quote/evidence
      2. Give quote/evidence
      3. Explain quote/evidence
   4. Support from Author 2
      1. Introduce quote/evidence
      2. Give quote/evidence
      3. Explain quote/evidence
   5. Transition to claim 2
3. Claim II
   1. Topic Sentence
   2. Explain your claim
   3. Support from Author 1
      1. Introduce quote/evidence
      2. Give quote/evidence
      3. Explain quote/evidence
   4. Support from Author 2
      1. Introduce quote/evidence
      2. Give quote/evidence
      3. Explain quote/evidence
   5. Transition to claim 2
4. Rebuttal
   1. Topic Sentence
   2. Give an argument from the other side of the debate.
   3. Explain why that argument doesn’t hold up.
   4. Support
      1. Introduce quote/evidence
      2. Give quote/evidence
      3. Explain quote/evidence
5. Conclusion
   1. Restate Thesis
   2. Summarize claims
   3. Clincher/Final Thought

Formatting: MLA

* + Times New Roman
  + 12-point font
  + 1-inch margins
  + Double Spaced
  + Italicize Titles of Long Texts
  + Put Quotations around Titles of Short Works
  + Citations in MLA Format at End (See Purdue OWL)

Common Core Standards:

* W9-10.1 (Including A-E)
* W9-10.4
* W9-10.5
* W9-10.7
* W9-10.8
* W9-10.10
* RL9-10.1
* RL9-10.4
* RI9-10.1
* RI9-10.6
* RI9-10.8
* L9-10.1
* L9-10.1A
* L9-10.1B
* L9-10.2
* L9-10.2A
* L9-10.2B
* L9-10.2C
* L9-10.3
* L9-10.3A