Argumentative Essay Writing 11th

August 22, 2017

Prompt:

Two of your high school friends are thinking about dropping out of school. They are juniors, and they tell you they are tired of books, rules, and useless classes. They want to get full-time jobs, so they can buy a car, get an apartment, and live the good life. Some students in your class think your friends are doing the right thing while others disagree. What do you think?

Directions for Writing

Write a detailed letter to your friend(s) either encouraging them to drop out, or to stay in school, graduate, and go to college or another institute of higher learning. Make sure you have detailed examples and supporting evidence to convince them either way. You may use your phone to look up statistics or other information pertinent to your essay\*. You must have an intro and three body paragraphs. Take the time to outline your essay. The rough draft will be due at the end of the period.

Share the opinions and go into pro-con groups for a debate. Have one member of group prepare arguments and counter-arguments. We will have a civil debate. Teams must have good evidence. All participants will be rewarded.

Continue: Hand your paper to the person on your left. Group editing: Look for 7 deadly sins: handout supplied.

In your groups, discuss the most common mistakes; each group will share generally which SINS they found.

\*REMEMBER TO SUPPLY EVIDENCE LIKE STATISTICS OF JOB AVAILABILITY FOR DROP-OUTS, ETC. AND/OR DETAILED EXAMPLES OF REAL PEOPLE FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE IN ORDER TO BACK UP YOUR ARGUMENTS. FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT YOU MAY USE YOUR PHONE!