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**Argumentative Essay Research Plan**

Select Topic- Monday  
  
Introduction- Hook, Background Information, Thesis Statement

Learning Commons- Thursday

Essay Due (IN CLASS)- Friday, March 6th (Late credit Monday, March 9th)

\*You may only gather INFO and PLAN at home. You **MAY NOT** type/write the essay at home\*

**Your Topic**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Example: Animal Rights)

**Your Claim**: (your position on the issue in a complete sentence)

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(Example: Zoos are cruel and unnecessary.)

**Write down at least THREE (or more) questions that will need to be answered about this topic through research. What do you want to know? What will you need to know in order to defend your argument?**

1.

2.

3.

**You will need at least ONE article from Opposing Viewpoints. (must be approved)**

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| **Title of the Article:**  *(Should … ?)* |
| **Notes/Examples/Quotes**  \*\*Don’t forget! You will need the citation or quotes for your articles. |

**What THREE REASONS will you focus on to prove your claim?**

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Example: If my claim is that zoos are cruel and unnecessary, I must decide on three areas that prove this BASED ON THE ARTICLE THAT I SELECTED.**

1. **Zoos remove the animal from its natural habitat.**
2. **The animals will live a lifetime in captivity.**
3. **Inspections for health and safety of the animals need updates and improvements.**

**Organizing the Essay (THIS DOES NOT SERVE AS A DRAFT)**

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| **Paragraph #1** | *Introduction* |
| Hook |  |
| Background |  |
| Claim/Thesis |  |
| **Paragraph #2** | *Body paragraph supporting your 1st reason* |
| Reason #1 |  |
| Evidence |  |
| Explanation |  |
| **Paragraph #3** | *Body paragraph supporting your 2nd reason* |
| Reason #2 |  |
| Evidence |  |
| Explanation |  |
| **Paragraph #4** | *Body Paragraph to present and support the counterclaim or rebuttal* |
| Reason #3 |  |
| Evidence |  |
| Explanation |  |
| **Paragraph #5** Conclusion paragraph |  |

\*Each paragraph must include: citation of evidence or quotes, transition phrases/words, correct spelling and punctuation.