Writing Across the Curiculum ( WAC ) Project Outline

Steps:

1. Create a new folder on your student drive: Name it “Essay Project”.
2. Open a word document and save it to the above folder: Name it “Essay Research”.
3. Conduct a thorough research on your topic by gathering information on your topic from several websites and placing it on your Essay Research document. This will be referred to as your Research Paper.

Your Research Paper must include at least one full paragraph on each of the following aspects of your topic:

* 1. A brief history
  2. Background information
  3. Current status including any unresolved issues or pending actions
  4. Latest developments
  5. Case studies, scenarios, and/or examples
  6. Controversies: Arguments both in support for and against ( Pros and Cons )
  7. Legal issues, court findings, court rulings, government actions, government policies, etc.
  8. Future prospects or possible outcomes

1. Submit your Research Paper for review and feedback.
2. Open a word document and save it to your Essay Project folder: Name it “Essay Interview”.
3. Create a minimum of 6 questions that you will use to interview someone about your topic. You may create up to 6 more questions for a total of 12 questions for extra bonus points: 2 points for each extra question.
4. Include the name of your topic and a topic summary at the top of your interview paper under your name, folder number, and class name.
5. Make sure you have enough space between your questions to record answers from your interviewee.
6. Print 3 copies of your finished interview paper: one to submit for grading and two to use to interview two people.
7. Interview two people, record their responses, then submit for grading your completed interview papers stapled together.
8. After your completed interview papers are returned to you, study your research paper and interview questions and responses thoroughly and in depth until you are an expert on your topic.
9. Test your topic knowledge by taking an exam provided to you by your teacher.
10. Once your teacher is satisfied that you have enough knowledge of your topic in your brain, begin your first draft of your Argument Essay by doing the following:
11. Open a word document and save it to your Essay Project folder: Name it “Essay Draft”.
12. Pick your 6 best points that support your argument; either Pro or Con depending on your assignment.
13. Construct a supporting paragraph for each of your 6 points; these will be a rough draft of your body paragraphs to be used in your essay. Your introduction and conclusion paragraphs will be constructed later.
14. Name your rough draft of 6 points as “Essay Draft 1” and submit it for grading.
15. After your first draft has been returned to you, edit and correct it according to any feedback you received from your teacher and then start constructing an introduction for your essay.
16. After you add your introduction to your 6 body paragraphs, name it “Essay Draft 2”, save it, then print and submit it for grading.
17. After your second draft has been returned to you, edit and correct it according to any feedback you received from your teacher and then start constructing a conclusion for your essay.
18. After you add your conclusion to your essay, name it “Essay Draft 3”, save it, then print and submit it for grading.
19. After your third draft has been returned to you, edit and correct it according to any feedback you received from your teacher and then name it and save it as “Essay Final Draft”.
20. Print and submit your final draft.
21. After your final draft has been returned to you, study and memorize it until you can recite it from memory. This is very important so that you can handwrite your essay on sheets of lined paper without using any notes.
22. Be prepared to handwrite your essay from memory during a future class period in a few days.