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ENG 112
Assignment #3: Source-Based Argument
Due: 4.26.17

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Prompt: Please compose a 1,000 – 1,500 MLA/APA source-based argument that responds to one of the following research questions:

- Are there clear connections between the political events in *The Man in the High Castle* and the political events in current American society?
- Is Donald Trump enacting a fascist ideology in America?
- Does America resemble more of a utopia or dystopia?
- Which social systems/institutions need to be repaired/strengthened to improve America's culture?
- Which "isms" pose the most significant threats to American democracy?
- Which current political forms of resistance are most important to sustain American democracy?
- Does America exploit its workers?
- Does the White House use propaganda tactics to manipulate the public?
- Do certain media outlets misinform the public?
- Does social media create more spaces for rational debate or more spaces for irrational attacks?

Source Materials: Please incorporate at least four sources into your argument. One source must be *The Man in the High Castle*. Another source must come from a library database. You choose the remaining sources.

Rhetorical Purpose: Persuade

Rhetorical Mode: Argumentation

Genre: Source-based MLA/APA paper

Audience: Your primary audience is people who do not agree with your opinion/position.

Focus: Answer one of the questions provided in the prompt. Your argument can focus on one specific question or a combination of two or more questions.

Thesis: Your thesis statement must communicate the paper's central claim and use a topic, position, and support model (TPS). The thesis statement should be the last sentence in the introduction.

Counter-argument/Rebuttal: Please provide at least one counter-argument and rebuttal.

Product: This assignment should be 1,000 – 1,500 words. To format the text, please 12-point font and double-spacing. Please include an original title. We will use these criteria to evaluate your project:

- _____ Your argument is directed to a clear audience.
- _____ Your argument cites at least four source materials—with the series serving as your primary source.
- _____ Your argument uses either MLA or APA style to format the paper and cite source materials.
- _____ Your argument has a clear purpose: persuade.
- _____ Your argument provides a clear TPS thesis statement.
- _____ Your argument provides at least one counterargument and rebuttal.
- _____ Your argument shows signs of careful proofreading with minimal grammatical, spelling errors.