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ENG 100
Essay #2: Room for Debate
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Prompt: Please choose a *Room for Debate* topic and compose a persuasive argument that illustrates your position on the issue. I ask that you use MLA or APA style and at least these three sources from the following areas: 1) *Room for Debate*, 2) Online Library Database, 3) Video. You may collaborate on this project. Please do not exceed four members in your collaborative team.

Purpose: To persuade.

Audience: Your primary audience is people who would disagree with your position. Your secondary audience is people who visit your site, including your classmates and me (your teacher).

Style: Please use MLA or APA style to cite at least three sources that support your thesis and argument. Please avoid using sweeping, unsupported statements. Rather, rely on specific evidence from your life and from the sources to support your claims. Further, use language/tone that is approachable yet credible. Think about what style would best persuade your audience to agree with your position. You can use different genres and media to construct this assignment.

Focus: Your focus will depend upon your topic and position.

Thesis: I suggest you write a clear thesis statement that includes a topic, position, and supporting points (TPS). Typically, your thesis statement is one sentence long, appears at the end of the introduction, and communicates the focus of your essay.

Rebuttal: Please include opposing opinions in your text. Also, be sure to respond to these opposing opinions.

Process: To begin, *Think On Paper* about the issues surrounding your decision: freewrite, list, cluster, discuss, and read other expert opinions to generate ideas and answer the following questions:

- What is the rhetorical situation that frames this issue?
- What biases do you bring to this issue that might influence your decision?
- Can you provide any solutions to solve the problems laid out in the room for debate discussion?
- What visual texts can you incorporate into the text to support your claims?

Product: This assignment should be around 1000 words and formatted as follows: 12-point font, double-spacing. Please include an original title centered at the top of the essay. [Meet with me if you have ideas about composing a non-traditional argument].

- _____ Your essay is well organized, argumentative, and analytical.
- _____ Your essay provides a clear thesis statement: Topic + Position + Support.
- _____ Your essay uses MLA or APA style.
- _____ Your essay provides at least three sources (with *Room for Debate* being your primary source).
- _____ Your writing is appropriate and compelling for your audience.
- _____ Your essay shows signs of careful proofreading, with minimal grammatical or spelling errors.