ENGL 1302

Miles

Argumentative Essay (due 11/29)

You are to write an argumentative essay in answer to one of the questions regarding the following societal issues. In answering this question, use a rhetorical analysis of the required reading as a part of your argument.

Topics:

***Is capital punishment the correct way to deal with our violent criminals?***

“The Death Penalty” by David Bruck

***In light of the recent wave of gun violence, what is the proper way that our government should address the issue of gun control?***

“Confessions of a Liberal Gun Owner” by Justin Cronin

***To what extent is racism still alive in the United States?***

“The Talk: After Ferguson, a Shaded Conversation About Race” by Dana Canedy

Possible directions with this topic: Race and Police brutality, the role of race and politics in American sports, racial tension in post-Obama America

***Should Marijuana be legalized in the U.S.?***

“4 Reasons Why Legalizing Marijuana Could be the Solution to America’s problems” by Desirae Hoover

Format:

1200+ words

Basic essay structure (intro, thesis, body, conclusion)

12 pt, times new roman font

double spaced

2 outside sources

MLA style