**How to Arrange & Format the Components of Your Essay**

MLA (8th)

1. 1st page heading, title,& running header; begin essay
2. Works Cited

3. Abstract

APA (6th)

1. Title page with running header

2. Abstract

1. Repeat title; begin essay
2. References

**Prompt**

The AcademicResearch Argument Essay is what the entire course has prepared you for. It will require you to write a substantial, well-researched argument. You will write either a proposal or an evaluation that productively intervenes into an exigent human rights issue relating to your academic discipline or personal interest. You are expected to argue powerfully, in good faith, and in accordance with conventions of academic argumentation.

As such, your paper will be at least 3500 words, include an abstract, incorporate research from at least 10 sources, at least 2 scholarly and at least 1 primary, and follow all formatting & documentation standards of either MLA 8th Ed or APA 6th.

**Logistics &Submission Requirements**

-See Canvas for submission guidelines, lateness policy, and rubric

-Final draft w/ Abstract

must be 3500-4500 words

is worth 40% of total course grade

-Must format your essay and document your sources using either MLA 8th Ed or APA 6th Ed

**Organization & Research**

Academic arguments require precise and logical organization. You are strongly encouraged to use the following structure to organize the different moves of your argument. This structure is generated by synthesizing our work with the following rhetorical and compositional theories: the Toulmin model, Classical Oration, Rogerian Argument, Stasis theory, the rhetorical proofs, and the rhetorical situation.

Section 1: Establish Grounds for Your Argument (~2 pages)

Section 2: Literature Review of Your Topic (~1-2 pages)

Section 3: Lines of Argument (~6 pages)

Section 4: Alternative Positions & Conditions of Rebuttal (~2-3 pages)

Section 5: Concluding Statement of Qualified Claim & Exploration of Implications (~1 page)

Sections 1-4, and potentially section 5, will all need to be supported by research. Overall, you are required to incorporate 10+ sources, with at least 2 scholarly and at least 1 primary source. You are also encouraged, though not required, to conduct firsthand research.