# Final Argumentative Research Essay

**Topic:** ONLINE EDUCATION and its Effects on Us Choose ONE position:



**Essay Prompt: Some believe that hands-on classroom experience of traditional learning is the best. Others claim that computer-based learning facilitates a safe environment and provides more benefits. Since this semester you have experienced both, which opinion do you agree with?**

**Your essay and Thesis Statement should clearly show the position you chose.**

**Length: 5 paragraphs (Introduction** (5-6 sentences)**, 3 Supporting Body Paragraphs** (6-10 sentences each including quotes)**, and a Conclusion** (4-6 sentences)**).**

**Research/ Sources:** As a research paper, it should have quotes and references from outside sources as supports to your claims.

**So, in your essay, you should refer to/use/quote from the texts I provided (Primary Source:** I provide 3 sources and you can use any 2) and you should also **do research** using Google Scholar and/ or LAVC Library Database for credible information and use 1or 2 credible sources to quote from in your essay **(Secondary Source).**

 **You should use 2 provided sources** and **2 researched sources** and your personal example

**** **You should have 4-5 In-Text Citations /Quotes (no more)** from those sources (both Primary and Secondary sources)

**Researched Sources/ Secondary Sources: 2 sources:** Credible sources arearticle, book, journal, news, scholar essay) Use LAVC Library Academic databases and/or Google Scholar for the credible sources.

* **(Optional)** You can also use **1 non-credible source**: YouTube Video, Ted Speech, Poster, a visual, quote, data/statistics or information from a website (information searched via regular search engines)

## DUE: The revised, typed finalized essay is due on Canvas on/before June 2 midnight

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How to start:

* 1. **Read the assigned 3 articles** (remember that you will have to choose any 2 from the assigned 3)
  2. **Consider the Essay Prompt: choose which you prefer and consider more beneficial: LEARNING ONLINE or LEARNING IN THE TRADITONAL CLASSROOM**
  3. **List reasons** for your chosen position and pick 3 good, strong reasons that you can develop each into a full paragraph. \* **Here, you can refer back (re-read) to the assigned articles** and decide which 2 you will choose and mark some parts that you may use as quotes or reference as support in your essay.
  4. **Formulate your thesis** (Complete or Fully-developed) which should show your argument and the 3 reasons that you will develop in the body paragraphs following the order you listed in the thesis.
  5. **Think about YOUR experience as a student of this “unique” semester that made it possible to experience both ways of learning for all your classes.**

## Start drafting! STRUCTURE: 5 Paragraph Academic Essay (Introduction, 3 Supportive Body Paragraphs, and a Conclusion) Length: 3-3.5 pages plus the Works Cited Page

**Essay Structure:**

**Introductory paragraph:** Start with a hook/ attention getter sentence, then introduce your ideas about different ways of learning in general. (Provide some general and background information about learning; you may also include information about learning in the past and now with the boom of technology). **Your thesis,** as the last sentence, **should show your preference in a clear, strong, confident argument** (that is to say, **your thesis should state your opinion about the online learning vs. in-classroom learning and 3 reasons why you believe that choice is more beneficial.**

**Body Paragraphs: Each body paragraph should start with a topic sentence that indicates one of the reasons claimed in the thesis and the rest of the sentences of the body paragraph should develop, explain and support that reason.** (Body 1 will develop and discuss reason 1 claimed in the thesis and Body 2 will develop reason 2. Body 3 will refer to the 3rd reason).

In your body paragraphs (supportive sentences) should also refer to/ have quotes from the assigned articles, from your researched sources and also include your personal experience/example.

## Conclusion: Refer back to the general topic of the modes of learning /Loop back to intro.

## Restate the thesis and you may also end with providing a suggestion.

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FORMAT and CITATIONS:

* + The essay should **follow MLA format and citation** guidelines for in-text citations and Works Cited page
  + Should have **supporting information** (citations/quotes and references) **from the Primary Sources**

(from 2 of my assigned articles ) and from **Secondary Sources ( from your researched sources)**

**\* The Citation details of my given articles will be provided**

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\*\*\*Here are the links to PRIMARY SOURCES (my provided articles)

*Remember that you have to choose ONLY 2 from this 3 and refer to them/ quote from them in your essay!*

**The Pros and Cons of Teaching with Zoom**

<http://www.teachingushistory.co/2019/09/the-pros-and-cons-of-teaching-with-zoom.html>

**The Future of Online Teaching and Learning in Higher Education**

<http://faculty.weber.edu/eamsel/Research%20Groups/On-line%20Learning/Bonk%20(2006).pdf>

**Pros and Cons of Online Education**

<https://www.ies.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2015/08/Pros_and_Cons_of_Online_Education_by_Kumar-1.pdf>

# GRADING DETAILS of the Essay: 40p

**Organization 5p**

* + **Paragraphs’ length and structure / development Thesis 5p**

**Personal Example 5p**

**Integration of Sources 10p: In-text citations/ quotes and references** from the 2 provided articles and from the researched credible source(s)

**MLA Format and Works Cited page 10p Mechanics 5p**