**Student Instructions for Research-Based Argumentative Essay**

**General Instructions**

* You will be conducting a mini-research project.
* You will read articles to give you information on the issue
* Each article will give you more information.
* You will take a stance on the issue.
* After gathering information for the articles, you will write an argumentative essay to persuade your reader(s) to take your side.

**Instructions Day One: You will have 45 minutes to complete today’s task.**

* Read the article given to you.
* On the notes page, summarize the article
  + Include the main idea and how details support the idea
  + Include any words or lines the author uses that are important to the text (quotes/citations).

**Instructions Day Two: You will have 45 minutes to complete today’s task.**

* Today, you will read two articles.
* On the note pages for each article, summarize the information.
  + Include the main idea and how details support the idea
  + Include any words or lines the author uses that are important to the text (quotes/citations).
* Select a stance you will take on the issue.

**Instructions Day Three: You will have 45 minutes to complete today’s task.**

* Today, you will write your persuasive essay. Your essay should be convincing. Remember everything you have learned about writing persuasively.
* You can refer back to your notes to help persuade your reader.
* Include details and information from the articles to help you write.
* You will want to quote words/lines from the author(s) to help support your opinion.

**Student Checklist for Research-Based Argumentative Essay**

**Does your writing have the following?**

\_\_\_\_\_ a solid introduction that includes your stance on the topic

\_\_\_\_\_ reasons and evidence that support your opinion (use your notes to help craft these details)

\_\_\_\_\_ quote directly from the texts you read and watched

\_\_\_\_\_ a concluding statement or section that follows your argument

\_\_\_\_\_ words that are capitalized correctly

\_\_\_\_\_ vocabulary that make your writing interesting and that supports your argument

\_\_\_\_\_ words that are spelled correctly

\_\_\_\_\_ punctuation marks that are used correctly

\_\_\_\_\_ subjects and verbs that agree

\_\_\_\_\_ modifiers that are used correctly

\_\_\_\_\_ paragraphs that are indented