

**Essay #5: Final Essay: Research Paper; Utilizing Arguments w/ Causal Analysis
(Website – Team Presentations) 1400 words**

Draft due on April 11, 2007

Final paper due on: April 20

Website presentations: April 16/20

Specific Subject Area: **Florida** urban sociology, geography, politics, economics, tourism, mental health issues, Indian reservations, higher education

Essay Type: Causal Analysis Argumentation

Readings: Scholarly articles (at least 5 from Expanded Academic ASAP and Academic Search Premier; no internet web-sites will be accepted)

Contents:

The subject focus will be on a specific issue in any of the topics listed above. The essay should be directed to a general, but educated audience. It will utilize argumentation with causal analysis. Strict adherence to the Toulmin argumentative structure as explored in *Everything is an Argument* (textbook) (chapter 11) will be required, e.g., claim > reason > warrant > evidence > counterarguments > rebuttals > closure (not necessarily in the same order). Explore your topic in detail and develop an argument with with strong supporting evidences.

Method:

First, select the area, e.g., “Florida mental health issues,” etc., and then narrow your topic, adding a controlling idea. Remember that your essay will use causal analysis. Search for appropriate scholarly articles dealing with your subject. You must use at least five articles taken from “Academic Search Premier” and/or “Expanded Academic ASAP”. Develop a tentative thesis and outline and then go on to your first draft. State your argument in the first or second paragraph. Take your time and revise it thoroughly. Start at least two weeks before the deadline. Each team will consist of three members. Even though each member of the group will write different essays (under a similar broad topic), the group will present ONE website presentation integrating one or more aspects of each paper. Website presentations will be limited to 15 min. for each group.

Format:

The composition will extend to 1400 words (5.3 pages), double-spaced with Arial font size 12. When you cite (or paraphrase) an author, you should use parenthetical citations (in-text citations) and place the bibliographic reference in the *Works Cited* page. There should be one inch on all four margins of the paper. Your name and other information should be written on the first page, left hand margin. MLA style sheet must be used. You need a running head on the upper right hand side. RHs begin on the first page of the paper.

Grammar and Style:

The writing must be free of any grammatical errors. The style must be pleasant and readable; no repetitions, and watch your “diction.” Knowing and targeting your audience is essential. Also, be sure that you have proper transitional devices between paragraphs, and that the writing has a logical sequence and order. Outlining beforehand will help you considerably. Don’t scatter your evidences. Organize them by priority or impact. Above all, project your own *voice* and personality.