



GMO ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY



For this project you are going to use research skills and knowledge you have gained in Science class along with the argumentative writing techniques you have been learning about in Language Arts. Using knowledge and expertise from these two areas you will create an argumentative essay that expresses your view on GMOs.

For this essay, you will need to follow the accordion structure for an essay (Hook, line, and sinker, CEAL, and TRIP). You will also be doing some research to collect information that will serve as evidence. Any information that you get from research sources will need to be cited correctly using the MLA format (examples are in your handbook on pages 11 & 12). In text citations are required.

Essay Procedure:

Step 1: To start the essay you will be doing some research to further your knowledge of GMOs. During your research you should form an opinion about GMOs. Should GMO foods be labeled? Are GMOs a positive or negative scientific development? Do you have a different opinion? During the research process you will find information (evidence) to support whichever opinion you choose. Make sure you write down your source citations as you research so you can include it in the works cited page of your essay. The research notes outline is posted on Mr. Wilson's Blog. **After reading the overview article you must use the 2 provided sources and find (at least) 1 additional source.**

Step 2: Next, we will create an outline for the essay. During the outlining process we are most concerned with brainstorming ideas and organizing them into the argumentative essay format. It's important to include all parts of the essay in the outlining process so nothing is left out.

Step 3: The third step will be to write a rough draft. These rough drafts will be handwritten on lined paper with a pencil. Make sure you write legibly so that you can read your essay when it comes time to revise. Include your source citations on a Works Cited page in your rough draft.

(Steps 2 & 3 may be combined into 1 step if your outline passes as a first draft - Ask Ms. Hunt or Mr. Wilson to okay your outline as a rough draft.)

Step 4: Next, we will revise our first drafts. Our revisions will focus on argumentative writing elements, MLA citations, transitions, and conventions. Revision will happen individually and with the help of a peer editor.

Step 5: The last step is creating your final draft. Using your rough draft and revision work, you will complete a polished and complete final draft. You will have class time to type your final draft and as always, you may use email or a thumb drive to work on your essay at home.