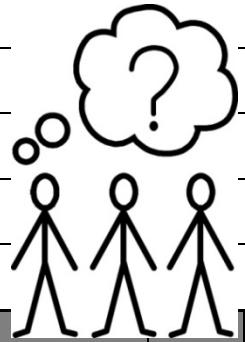


What's Your Opinion?

Assignment Summary	As teenagers, I know you have opinions on everything from homework to dress code. I would like to know your opinion on some of the most controversial topics in America.		
Purpose	To work on writing skills and master the QPR process.		
Writer's Role	You will be writing as yourself.		
Audience:	Your teacher and your peers.		
Form	The form of this assignment is a 6 sentence paragraph.		
Focus Correction Areas	Sentence #	Format	
	1 st	Restate the question being asked	3
	2nd	QPR2 (<u>Underline this sentence</u>): In one sentence include: 1. The question 2. Your perspective 3. 2 reasons that defend your perspective	10
	3 rd and 4 th	1. Write 2 sentences that defend your first reason. 2. Label them #1 in your writing.	10
	5 th and 6 th	1. Write 2 sentences that defend your second reason. 2. Label them #2 in your writing.	10
		1. You must use at least one (1) piece of information from the reading to back up your opinion). 2. Highlight all information that that you have taken from the articles or other source. In other words, if it did not come from your own brain, you must highlight it! 3. If you are going to quote it exactly please use parentheses and credit the speaker.	10
		Do not refer to yourself in the essay (i.e. I, me, my opinion, we, us, etc.)	3
		Do not refer to <u>the essay</u> .	3
		Total	49
Procedure	<p>So What Are We Going to Read?</p> <p>You will receive articles from me on various topics concerning Americans today. We will discuss everything from cell phones in schools, women in war and the election of the President. Each article will come with a controversial question and authors defending opposite sides of an issue</p> <p>Now What Am I Going To Do?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You will read the article. 2. You will form an opinion. 3. You are going to write a paragraph that defends one side of the issue presented in the article. You will use facts from the article or your own knowledge to defend your point. 		

This MUST be written in Collins Format:

1. Name and date in the upper right hand corner
2. Title
3. Skip lines or double space
4. If information is supposed to be underlined, highlighted, etc. and it isn't you will receive no points for that FCA.



What is a thesis statement/focus controlling idea/QPR?

"A thesis statement declares what you believe and what you intend to prove. A good thesis statement makes the difference between a thoughtful research project and a simple retelling of facts."
(<http://www.sdst.org/shs/library/thesis.html>)

When you get to Alvirne they call the thesis statement a QPR . This is how it works:

1. A QPR is written as 1 sentence.
2. It is usually the last sentence of the introductory paragraph.
3. It includes:
 - a. Q – This stands for question. You need to refer to the question at hand.
 - b. P – This stands for perspective. This means your opinion.
 - c. R – This stands for reasons. You may have up to 3 reasons (QPR3). These reasons are relatively nonspecific and will be further developed later in the essay.

Example:

Essay Question:

Was Christopher Columbus a hero or a villain?

QPR3:

QP

R1

R2

R3

Christopher Columbus was a villain because he was greedy, a murderer and cruel to the Arawak Native Americans.