**10th Grade Argumentative Essay**

**Directions:** You will be developing and constructing a persuasive/argumentative essay. Below, you will choose one prompt. You will develop your claim (argument) and which side of that argument you will be on. Next, you will brainstorm ideas (evidence) that backs up your position/claim using the brainstorm sheet provided. You need to come up with solid evidence that will back up your claim. You will need to incorporate evidence from at least three different credible sources, cite that evidence correctly within the text, and put those sources correctly on a works cited page. The essay will be scored using the following rubric. It will be turned in to turnitin.com.

**PROMPTS:**

* Should students be able to use their phones during the school day?
* Should schools have dress codes?
* Is year-round school a good idea?
* Should final exams be given at the end of semesters?
* Is social media helpful or harmful?
* Are professional athletes/musicians/actors overpaid?

Which prompt number are you going to choose to write your essay on? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Write your position below? (do you agree or disagree with the prompt you selected and why?)

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Brainstorming

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Counterclaim:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Transition Words:

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