

FINAL EXAM 2018 ENGLISH 12 CP

Choose one issue and write an argument essay that supports your claim. The issue does not necessary have to be controversial, but it must be something that allows you to choose one side over another. (See the back for a list of possible topics.)

SOURCES: You do NOT need to quote any outside sources, nor do you need a Works Cited Page; however, you must have examples that are thoroughly explained and analyzed to support your claim.

MINIMUM LENGTH: 400 words (include the word count)

FORMAT: MLA (typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman). Limited use of first person allowed. Avoid informal words and phrases.

SUBMITTING: Upload your essay to turnitin.com by Thursday, May 17th at 12:10pm.

Paragraph 1: Intro paragraph should include a clear claim/thesis.

Paragraph 2: Body paragraphs that include an example to support your claim.

Paragraph 3: Body paragraphs that include another example to support your claim.

Paragraph 4: Counter-argument and your rebuttal. (Counter-arguments acknowledge the opposing view. Your rebuttal is your explanation of why the counter-argument is incorrect.)

Paragraph 5: Conclusion. Restate your claim and leave the reader with a final thought.

SAMPLE TOPICS

SOCIAL MEDIA AND PHONES

Does Technology Make Us Alone?
Is Social Media Making Us Narcissistic?

TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS & THE FUTURE

Are Web Filters at Your School Too Restrictive?
Does Technology in the Classroom Ever Get in the Way of Learning?
Is Online Learning as Good as Face-to-Face Learning?
Do Machines Present a Threat to Humans?
Are Self-Driving Vehicles the Future?

GENDER

Do Parents Have Different Standards for Their Sons Than Their Daughters?
Now That Women Can Serve in Combat Roles in the Military, Should They Be Required to Register for the Draft?
Should Sports Be Coed?
Should Toys Be More Gender-Neutral?
Should Transgender People Be Allowed to Use the Bathroom of Their Choice?
Is It O.K. to Refuse to Serve Same-Sex Couples Based on Religious Beliefs?

SPORTS

Should High Schools Drop Football Because Too Many Are Injured?
Should Sports Teams Keep Players Accountable for Their Personal Conduct?
Should College Athletes Get Paid?
Is It Offensive for Sports Teams to Use Native American Names and Mascots?

TV, MOVIES, & VIDEO GAMES

Should Video Games Be a Sport?
Do Violent Video Games Make People More Violent in Real Life?
Is the Gaming World Sexist?

MUSIC, LITERATURE, & ART

What Current Musicians Do You Think Will Stand the Test of Time?
Who Does Hip-Hop Belong To?
Do We Still Need Libraries?
Do We Need Diverse Superheroes?
Do We Need Art in Our Lives?

BEING A TEENAGER

When Do You Become an Adult?
If Teenagers Are Such Bad Drivers, Should They Be Allowed to Drive?
Is Your Generation More Self-Centered Than Earlier Generations?

SCHOOL

Do Teachers Assign Too Much Homework?
Should Schools Strive for Racial Diversity Among Teachers?
Should Schools Group Students by Ability?
Do Schools Provide Students With Enough Opportunities to Be Creative?
Should Home-Schoolers Be Allowed to Play Public School Sports?
Are School Dress Codes a Good Idea?
Should Schools Be Allowed to Use Corporal Punishment?
Is Cheating Getting Worse?
Should Cellphones Be Banned in Schools?
Do Standardized Tests Measure Your Abilities Well?
Does Separating Boys and Girls Help Students Perform Better in School?
Do Kids Need Recess?
Should the School Day Start Later?
Should School Years be longer?

COLLEGE AND CAREER

Should a College Education be Free?
Do You Support Affirmative Action in College Admissions?
Would You Quit if Your Values Did Not Match Your Employer's?
Would You Rather Work From Home or in an Office?

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Should the Drinking Age Be Lowered?
Should Marijuana Be Legal?
Should Texting While Driving Be Illegal?
Should Terminally Ill Patients Be Allowed to Die on Their Own Terms?
Should Gov't Limit Sugary Drinks?
Should You Care About the Health and Safety of Those Making Your Clothing?

ANIMALS AND SCIENCE

Should Animals Have More Legal Protections?
Is It Ethical to Genetically Engineer Animals?
Should Circuses Be Animal Free?
Should Developers Be Allowed to Build in/Near Natural Landmarks like Grand Canyon?
Should Scientists Help People Beat Old Age So We Can Live Longer Lives?

GOVERNMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Is It Possible to Start Out Poor in the US, Work Hard and Become Well-Off?
What Do You Think the Role of the First Lady Should Be Today?
Should Voting Be Mandatory?
Should Rich People Pay More Taxes?
Is Privacy More Important Than National Security?
Do We Have a Responsibility to Take In Refugees From Global Crises?
Should Undocumented Immigrants Be Allowed to Live in the U.S. Without Fear of Getting Deported?
Are Children of Illegal Immigrants Entitled to a Public Education?
Do Leaders Have Moral Obligations?
Do Great Leaders Have to Be Outgoing?

GUNS, PRISONS, & JUSTICE SYSTEM

Would You Feel Safer With Armed Guards Patrolling Your School?
Should Guns Be Allowed on College Campuses?
Should Prisoners Be Given the Opportunity to Get an Education?
Should Felons Be Allowed to Vote After They Have Served Their Time?
Should the United States Stop Using the Death Penalty?

OTHER

Should Restaurants Do Away With Tipping?
Should Plastic Shopping Bags Be Banned?
Should Everyone Learn at Least One Other Language?
Would Life Be Better Without Time Zones?