**Unit 7 Handout 6: IWA Outline**

*Follow this as a guideline (not the absolute necessity but a good idea) to help you formulate and explain your ideas and maintain a strong focus for the Individual Written Argument Essay. This is based off the strong example essays and the rubric as well as the learning objectives and enduring understandings that this assignment asks for you to develop.*

Individual written argument (2,000 words)

Since this is an ARGUMENT paper, it needs to have a debate, and some sort of solution or resolution MUST be incorporated for credit.

**A. Introduction**

Include answers to the following questions:

* + What is your research question?
  + What are the possible lenses and involved perspectives that are in conversation or that debate this topic?
  + Why is this topic both relevant to today and applicable to at least 2 of the stimulus materials and their presented theme? In other words, how does this topic relate to the stimulus materials, how do they relate to each other, and how do they apply to today?

Format- including a creative hook or a relevant anecdote may help to provide interest for your audience. Other than that, be as clear and concise- straightforwardly address the answers to these questions, and avoid “I think” or “I believe”

Thesis:

If you are choosing to “go against the grain” of a popular debated topic:

Although the \_\_\_\_(issue)\_\_\_\_\_\_ is considered to be \_\_\_(statement of general opinion on topic)\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_(your opinion on topic)\_\_\_\_ is important to consider given the ongoing debate about the\_\_\_\_(issue’s points of contention)\_\_.

If you are choosing to take a different perspective not highlighted by research:

Both \_\_\_\_\_(one side of the debate)\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_(a second perspective)\_\_\_\_\_ have merits and drawbacks, however, perhaps we need to consider \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(your own take)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when trying to come to a resolution/solution for \_\_\_(issue)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Body Paragraphs**

Include the following discussions:

* + Address the complexity of the problem and the topic by making sure your sources are in conversation with each other.
  + Address the relevancy of your sources and the particular implications of their arguments.
  + Address the connection of each source to the greater topic of your research question and the current situation.
  + Make connections between sources. Don’t separate the sources and discuss each one independently. Look for connections between your sources and make sure you’ve logically organized the order by which you discuss them.
  + Address the multiple perspectives from your sources.
  + Actually ANSWER your research question and propose a solution or a resolution to the discussion. Which sources were most persuasive in helping you reach this conclusion.
  + Add in your own take to continue the conversation, however, do so in a professional manner (consider yourself an expert because of all this research and reading you’ve done).

Appropriate transitions:

“To further support \_\_\_(first source’s)\_\_\_\_\_\_ idea, \_\_\_(second source)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ states that “…..”.”

“However, \_\_\_(second source)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would disagree and instead claims that \_\_(claim of source 2)\_\_\_\_”

“The \_\_\_(one lens/perspective)\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_(second lens and perceptive)\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_(third lens and perspective)\_\_\_\_ each have their own stake in ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_(the issue)\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

“Some experts agree that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(list the topics of agreement among sources)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

“To a lesser extent”….

“An additional consideration”…

To introduce sources:

“\_\_\_\_\_(Source A)\_\_\_\_\_\_, which has been researching/studying/writing/analyzing/experimenting, has come to the conclusion that…”

“As experts who have done \_\_(research style)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over the course of \_\_(time period)\_\_, \_\_(names/organizations)\_\_ believe…”

**C. Conclusion**

* + Discuss the objections, limitations and implications of your own proposed solution or resolution. Is this applicable in all places for all people? What are the consequences of this solution if taken?

**D. Formatting overall**

* + Be sure to read up on APA and HOW to properly cite sources and integrate them into your own discussion. Include a works cited or bibliography at the end of the paper with accurate information.

**E. Outline for Homework Assignment**

Use a Harvard outline – bullet points with short sentences to organize.

Name:

Question:

Solution:

1. Introduction
2. Topic + importance is introduced
3. Contextualization
4. Evidence proving relevance
5. Problem is introduced
6. Stimulus source 1 connects theme with problem
7. Stimulus source 2 connects theme with problem further
8. Problem is explained
9. Research question (problem + solution)
10. Thesis statement (lenses + solution)
11. Brief explanation of solution’s efficacy
12. First Body Paragraph – Significance of the issue is established and explained
13. Context
14. Second Body Paragraph – 1st lens
15. Perspectives
16. Synthesis
17. Third Body Paragraph – Counter to 1st lens
    1. Perspectives
    2. Synthesis
18. Fourth Body Paragraph – Stimulus Source Connection + Established Argument
19. Specific problem + affects
20. Introduction of Stimulus Source’s Connection
21. Stimulus Source – Evidence
22. Chatter + paraphrased evidence
23. Evidence connecting stimulus to current issue presented
24. Fifth Body Paragraph – 2nd lens
    1. Perspectives
    2. Synthesis
25. Sixth Body Paragraph – Counter to 2nd lens
    1. Perspectives
    2. Synthesis
26. Seventh Body Paragraph – Alternatives
27. Problem with current solutions
28. Eighth Body Paragraph – Solution
    1. Evidence
    2. Limitations
29. Ninth Body Paragraph –Solution
30. Explanation why this solution is important
31. Limitations
32. Tenth Body Paragraph – Solution Implementation
    1. Breakdown of the solution’s complexity and plausibility
33. Conclusion – reviews the importance of the research question and argument
34. Research question as a statement
35. Summary of main points
36. Claim about problem
37. Solution + plausibility
38. Concluding statement that echoes first sentence