

Argument Essay (Project)

(Dr. Canino – AP Lang)

To continue with our practice for the AP exam, your next test grade will be an argument essay that you will work on independently and turn in to me on Archie. In this essay, you will respond to the given prompt, and develop an argumentative essay. The prompt you must respond to is below:

The term “underrated” is often used to apply to concepts, places, roles, etc. that a speaker believes do not receive the prestige they should. For example, many may argue that a not-well-known music album is “underrated,” or that long, leisurely walks by oneself are “underrated” as well, despite seeming boring to others. Another example of this concept at work is with pop star Billie Eilish. “Lyrics are so important” Eilish went on record saying about writing music, “but they’re really underrated.”

Select a concept, place, role, etc. to which you believe that the term “underrated” should be applied. Then, write a well-developed essay in which you explain your judgment. Use appropriate evidence from your reading, experience, or observations to support your argument.

Your essay must have an introduction, conclusion, and at least one body paragraph. It should be written in MLA format, in 12-Point, Times New Roman font, with 1” margins, MLA-style header, and a title.

This essay will be due on Archie on Wednesday, March 27th, at Midnight.

Dr. Canino's AP-Style Rubric – Argument Essay

(Formal Written Rubric - Includes Grammar & Formatting)

Introduction Paragraph	Total: ____ / 2pts
<i>You <u>introduce the ideas that you'll discuss</u> in your argument, with background information when relevant or appropriate</i>	____ / 2pts

Thesis Statement / Main Claim	Total: ____ / 2pts
<i>Your thesis <u>directly responds to the prompt</u></i>	____ / 1pts
<i>Your thesis <u>clearly takes a position</u> – it does not simply state that “there are pros and cons to both sides” with no additional detail</i>	____ / 1pts

Evidence & Commentary	Total: ____ / 8pts
<i>Your argument is <u>organized as a line of reasoning</u> that the reader can follow</i>	____ / 2pts
<i>Your claims are <u>supported with evidence</u> from your experiences, observations, or hypothetical examples of your own creation</i>	____ / 2pts
<i>Your evidence includes <u>multiple supporting claims</u>, not just one</i>	____ / 2pts
<i>You consistently explain <u>how your chosen evidence supports</u> (and is related to) <u>your thesis</u></i>	____ / 2pts

Conclusion Paragraph	Total: ____ / 2pts
<i>Your conclusion briefly <u>restates your thesis</u> from the introduction, and sums up your overall ideas in your essay</i>	____ / 2pts

Sophistication	Total: ____ / 2pts
<i>Your argument is <u>especially well-developed</u>, and highlights various complex angles and perspectives on the issue at hand</i>	____ / 1pts
<i>You consistently <u>write in a style that's engaging, interesting, and persuasive</u></i>	____ / 1pts

Grammar, Formatting & Overall Polish	Total: ____ / 4pts
<i>Your paper is <u>in MLA format</u>, with 12-Point Times New Roman font, an MLA-style header, a title for your essay and 1” margins</i>	____ / 2pts
<i>Your paper is relatively <u>free of grammar mistakes</u>. If they are present, they are minor and easily forgotten</i>	____ / 2pts

Total Points

_____/ 20 pts
_____/ 100%