Argument – Final Assignment

Topic:
Academic Argument – As if for an upper level class

AVOID topics you feel strongly about already...

- Example Thesis:
  Non-educational television programming should be limited to two hours on weekday evenings, and 4 hours each weekend day. (proposes SPECIFIC ACTION)

Requirements:
- Outline with the thesis written out in sentence form
- 1250 - 1500 words
- 6 (or more) sources as defined below
  - TWO hardbound references from the library
    - At least ONE Book
    - ONE Specialized encyclopedia or dictionary
  - THREE (or more) journal articles from the library
    - Online or hardcopy academic journals
  - ONE (or more) of the following
    - Personal interview
    - Newspaper
    - Magazine
    - Website (must be ‘Prestigious’: NOT Wikipedia, WhatIs, etc.)

Goal:
- Convince someone from an opposing viewpoint that your opinion is correct

Development:
- Multiple sides of the issue should be presented as having some merit
- Target synthesis with 2 or more citations in each body paragraph
- Utilize 3 types of appeal (Logical, Ethical, Emotional)
- Avoid argumentative fallacies
- Remember the “honey vs. vinegar” principle
- Remember the ‘should’ & ‘stand-up’ tests
- Argue, don’t preach

- ~ 75% of the ideas and content of the paper should be from your sources
- ~ 25% should be synthesis of these ideas into practical form (The “SO WHAT?”)

Plagiarism:
- Plagiarism in any of its forms will be the basis for failing the course.
- Leave time to submit your paper to Bb and make any necessary changes before the due date (the system may take up to 24 hours to return a report)
- Be aware, it is possible to plagiarize in such a way that Bb won’t catch, but if you do it and I catch you, If the plagiarism appears to have been intentional, an F\(^x\) will be the course grade recorded and the academic dean will be notified (expulsion is possible)