Instructor feedback from last paper: Good work of choosing potential topics. I suggest you pose research questions around the Refugee and the Health Care issue. For example, "Should refugees from countries on terrorist watch lists be banned from entering the US? That is just an example, but you need to be more specific and narrow your focus.

Now it's time to discuss the topic you've chosen to focus on for the remainder of this project! In this assignment, you'll use a guided prompt to write notes that will help you better understand ways to approach the persuasive essay. When following the guide, remember to use instructor feedback from Week 1 when discussing your topic. If you're still unsure if the topic is fulfilling the minimum requirements of the project, here's a quick reminder: 1) it has two logical sides to the issue, 2) it is researchable, and 3) it is related to your career or degree. If you have questions or concerns, please be sure to contact your instructor as soon as possible. You can email or use the General Questions board found in Blackboard.

Constructing Your Writing Notes

The questions below will ask you to consider how the following critical elements relate to your topic:

* **argument\***
* **key points\***
* **audience\***
* **goal\***
* **potential resources\***
* **evidence\***

This process will allow you to develop a potential structure for effectively persuading readers to agree with your argument. This plan will be helpful in keeping your thought process on track when you begin writing and revising your essay. **Each response should be one fully developed paragraph in length (5-8 sentences).**

As you work on the Writing Notes, remember to refer to the assignment guidelines and rubric (click here) to make sure you're fulfilling each aspect of the assignment. You can also [download/print the rubric](https://snhu.mindedgeonline.com/get.php/eng123_assignment_1_milestone_1_guidelines_and_rubric.pdf" \t "_blank).

*Your responses will be saved to the Notebook, which can be found under the "Tools" menu signaled by the wrench icon on the upper right side of the screen. In this view, all the responses will be saved separately. You can also download all of your responses to a single Word document by following the directions at the bottom of this page.*

***Note that you must click "Submit" to add your responses to the Notebook and be able to download them later.***

1. Your argument is the main point that you are trying to make in your essay. It should clearly state your opinion on your topic. Describe the argument to be addressed in your persuasive essay and include how the argument is derived from your major, the major you are considering pursuing, or your field of work.

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2. Key points are pieces of evidence that support an author's main argument. What are three possible key points for your selected topic? How do they support your main argument?

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3. Your audience is the people you are addressing in your essay. Who is the audience that will be reading your essay? What potential challenges will you have supporting your argument with this demographic?

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4. Your goal is the end result that you wish to achieve in writing this essay. What goal do you hope to accomplish with this essay? What will this essay need to be successful?

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5. Potential resources are pieces of evidence that could be used to support your argument. List potential resources that could be used as supporting evidence for your argument, and provide a brief description of each and how they will reinforce your argument.

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6. Using the resources you identified above, align specific key points of your argument with your supporting resources to begin to establish an effective essay structure.

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7. Based on your argument, determine strategic places where integrating evidence would be most effective and provide rationale for each.