**Your completed outline and completed notes are**

**Due no later than Wednesday, February 13, 2013 by 3:45 P.M.**

Included here is your outline for your research paper. The research paper itself will make up the basis of your opening or closing statement during the formal debate.

Your research paper will include at least one paragraph for your:

* Introduction
* First reason to support your argument
* Second reason to support your argument
* Third reason to support your argument
* Opposition: address one of the reasons the opposing side could use against you and prove that they are wrong (with research!)
* Conclusion

This means that you will have at least 6 paragraphs in your essay. Your paper will most likely end up being anywhere from 2-4 pages in length. That seems like a lot, doesn’t it?

It is.

But you’ve got this! Your resources and the notes you’re compiling from them hold the answers! Those 2-4 pages will fly by – trust me! Have confidence and jump right in. Use the brief schedule below to keep yourself on track.

**Monday, February 11, 2013:**

* Begin outlining your research paper. Start with your three reasons that back up your argument. Why should I believe that your side is right? What can you show me as proof that you are correct and those other fools are wrong?
* By the end of the period, you should have *at least* your three reasons written out (**II, III, IV**) and your first reason (**II**) and all three pieces of evidence for that reason should be filled in. Use your research notes to complete this!
* If you need to fill in some gaps, you may utilize the books available from the Cart of Controversy. Please ensure that they are returned and do not leave the LRC. This will, unfortunately, be our last day to use the books because the high school needs many of them returned. So get on it!

**Tuesday, February 12, 2013**

* By the end of this period, you should have *at least* your second reason (**III**) and your third reason **(IV**) completed with all evidence that applies to each, along with your opposition completed.
* You should probably complete the rest of your outline this tonight: introduction with thesis and your conclusion. If you take *one hour* (or less!) out of your evening to complete this, you’ll have all day tomorrow to fill in gaps, double-check your work, and get an early start on your rough draft!

**Your completed outline and completed notes are due no later than 3:45 P.M. on Wed, Feb 13, 2013!**

It’s crunch time, yo. We can’t afford to waste any time. If you’re stuck after school, email me at [**tkawel@marshall.k12.mi.us**](mailto:tkawel@marshall.k12.mi.us) or call at 248.497.2561.

**Outline for your Research Paper/Persuasive Speech (opening or closing statement during the debate)**

1. **Introduction**
2. Attention Grabber

Use an anecdote (a brief story), a question, a quotation, or an interesting fact to gain your audience’s attention.

1. Background Information

In a fair amount of detail, explain what your topic is in case people are not familiar with it (e.g., biodiesel and ethanol – what the heck are those?) or your topic is controversial.

1. Thesis Statement

This is the one statement that definitively tells what issue you are debating and what side you support.

1. **First reason why your audience should agree with you**
2. **First piece of evidence** to support this reason
3. **Second piece of evidence** to support this reason
4. **Third piece of evidence** to support this reason
5. **Second reason why your audience should agree with you**
6. **First piece of evidence** to support this reason
7. **Second piece of evidence** to support this reason
8. **Third piece of evidence** to support this reason
9. **Third reason why your audience should agree with you**
10. **First piece of evidence** to support this reason
11. **Second piece of evidence** to support this reason
12. **Third piece of evidence** to support this reason
13. **Opposition**
14. Explain something your opponent might claim about your side
15. Explain why your opponent’s claims are wrong. Utilize your research to *prove* this point with evidence!
16. **Conclusion**
17. Remind the audience what side of the debate you support
18. Remind the audience about your most compelling evidence
19. Last Impression
20. Again, use an anecdote, a question, a quotation, or an interesting fact to leave your audience thinking about your topic and completely convinced of your side.

**My partner(s):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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1. **Introduction**
2. Attention Grabber

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1. Thesis Statement

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1. **Opposition**
2. Explain something your opponent might claim about your side

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1. Explain why your opponent’s claims would be wrong

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1. **Conclusion**
2. Remind the audience what side you support by restating your thesis statement in a different way

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1. Remind them about your most compelling evidence

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1. Last Impression – what last thought will you leave your reader/audience with?

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