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- Identify a problem. (Persuade your audience that the problem is genuine and requires a solution by giving examples and citing evidence, such as statistics or expert testimony.)
- Make a proposal for action that will help alleviate the problem.
- Justify your solution. (Give reasons why your audience should accept your proposal and act on it.)

Your essay should include at least **four** sources. Remember that encyclopedias—including on-line encyclopedias like Wikipedia—will not count as a source. Use proper MLA documentation, including parenthetical references and a list of Works Cited.

Before you submit your initial draft, you must submit a proposal thesis. Your proposal thesis will be a single sentence that identifies the problem and outlines your solution for it.

Make your prose as clear and concise as possible. Don't waste my time and yours trying to sound impressive. Organize your paper as a Classical Argument, with a self-announcing structure and an explicit thesis.

Proposal Thesis Due: Thursday, November 13

Initial Draft Due: Thursday, November 20

(Bring THREE copies of your essay to class.)

NB: I will not respond to drafts lacking a Works Cited page and in-text citations.

Revised Draft Due: Thursday, December 4

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Revised Draft Due: Saturday, December 6

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