**Action Plan Implementation Essay**

**Due date: November 20**

**Prompt:** Argue in favor of the the best way to implement your Quest project plan of action.

**Directions:** Compose a minimum 750-word essay arguing in favor of your chosen senior Quest project implementation plan. An argumentative essay should include an introduction with a clear thesis statement (claim ), 3-5 premise paragraphs that detail your reasoning, which is supported by evidentiary support, a counter argument and rebuttal statement that also contains evidentiary support, and, lastly, a conclusion, which summarizes the essay’s claim, premises, and a forward-thinking statement.

**Example thesis statement:** Because high school students quickly grow out of winter coats, an annual collection of gently-used winter coats to be donated to homeless children will provide warm clothing for local children in need.

**Example body premises (body paragraph topic sentences):**

1. There are many homeless children in Nuevo and surrounding communities.
   1. Cite statistics supporting this statement.
2. Homeless children need winter apparel.
   1. Anecdotal story/stories or statistics supporting this statement.
3. Rather than throwing used clothing away, families may easily donate items.
   1. Interview and quote local nonprofit that supplies homeless families with clothing.

**Example counter-argument and rebuttal:**

Some people believe donations are unnecessary because area shelters are already attending to the needs of homeless children. In reality, there is such a large population of homeless children in the area, the need for more winter clothing is constant. [Insert supporting statistic here.]

**Essay Requirements:**

* MLA format (12 point, double spaced, Times New Roman font, numbered pages, etc.)
* Meaningful title (No “Quest Essay” titles)
* Works Cited page (**minimum three valid sources**)
* Each source must be cited within the essay

Unacceptable sources include:

* Wikipedia
* Study help sites (Shmoop, eNotes, Cliff Notes, etc.)
* Quotation sites (Brainy Quotes, etc.)
* Random people (No random blogs – we’re looking for educated, expert sources)

Acceptable sources:

* Educational (.edu sites for colleges and universities)
* Government (.gov sites)
* News (large publications like NY Times, LA Times, etc. are most reliable)
* Nonprofit organizations that relate to your topic

**Argumentative Essay Framework:**

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| **INTRO** |  | Hook (Interesting fact, statistic, anecdote)  Brief explanation of issue (context/background)  Thesis statement (opinion in the form of a statement) |
| **BODY**  **PARAGRAPH** |  | Topic sentence identifying one supporting reason for thesis claim Expand upon your topic sentence  Evidentiary support – statistic, anecdote, quotation, paraphrased material – with parenthetical citation – from expert source Transitional sentence (lead into the next thought) |
| **BODY**  **PARAGRAPH** |  | **ANOTHER BODY PARAGRAPH with ABOVE FORMAT** |
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| **COUNTER-**  **ARGUMENT**  **and Rebuttal (may be two separate paragraphs)** |  | Explain an alternate point of view  A rebuttal is presented that undercuts the counterargument viewpoint through logical reasoning.  Provide evidentiary support. Transitional sentence. |
| **CONCLUSION** |  | Re-confirms thesis and each body paragraph premise. Provides general warning and benefits if argument is followed. |

**\*\***More than three body paragraphs may be necessary to reach the required word count.