

Law 12

Chapter 1 Essay

Select one of the topics below. Randomly (i.e. flip a coin) prepare an argument either in favour of the statement or a counterargument against the statement. Support your position with examples.

Your paper should be typed, double-spaced, and in a standard font and font size (i.e. Times New Roman size 12). It should be 1 -2 pages long.

- a. People are basically bad. They need laws and punishments to control them.
- b. The crime rates in Canada are high because the punishments are too weak.
- c. Canadian law makers should bring in punishments similar to those in the Code of Hammurabi and Mosaic law.

**Directions:** Your assignment will be graded based on this rubric. Consequently, use this rubric as a guide when working on your assignment and check it again before you submit it.

Traits	4	3	2	1
<b>Organization</b>	The introduction is inviting, states the goal or thesis, and provides an overview of the issue. Information is presented in a logical order and maintains the interest of the audience. The conclusion strongly states a personal opinion.	The introduction includes the goal or thesis and provides an overview of the issue. Information is presented in a logical order but does not always maintain the interest of the audience. A conclusion states a personal opinion.	The introduction includes the main goal or thesis. Most information is presented in a logical order. A conclusion is included, but it does not clearly state a personal opinion.	There is no clear introduction, structure, or conclusion.
<b>Goal or Thesis</b>	There is one goal or thesis that strongly and clearly states a personal opinion and identifies the issue.	There is one goal or thesis that states a personal opinion and identifies the issue.	A personal opinion is not clearly stated. There is little reference to the issue.	The personal opinion is not easily understood. There is little or no reference to the issue.
<b>Reasons and Support</b>	Three or more excellent reasons are stated with good support. It is evident that a lot of thought and research was put into this assignment.	Three or more reasons are stated, but the arguments are somewhat weak in places.	Two reasons are made but with weak arguments.	Arguments are weak or missing. Less than two reasons are made.
<b>Word Choice</b>	Word choice is creative and enhances the argument.	Word choice enhances the argument.	There is evidence of attention to word choice.	Word choice is limited.
<b>Grammar, Mechanics, &amp; Spelling</b>	There are no errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling.	There are few errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling, but they do not interfere with understanding.	There are several errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling.	There are numerous errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling.