Project 3: Local Issue Argument (30%)

For the third essay, you will research an issue in your local community and write an essay that makes a claim, contextualizes the issue, and discusses the different perspectives and people affected by the issue.

Community may be tied to the university (e.g., the UCA community, a program, or organization) or to the area (e.g., Conway or Central Arkansas). Although many people know something about national news, many of us are unaware of the different issues and people within our local communities. You will research this issue to construct an argument that is supported by both primary and secondary sources.

guidelines.

To represent a diverse range of perspectives on your topic, you need research:

- **Secondary research.** Although you don’t need scholarly or peer-reviewed sources for this essay, you do need some secondary research to understand the context of the issue and the different perspectives about it. 4 sources.

- **Primary research.** You will conduct at least one interview with someone who has a connection to or expertise in the issue you’re researching. Interviews are an important method of primary research, and you can do this interview face-to-face or through email.¹

This is not a research report. Your essay should include a claim, context about the history of the issue, and critical discussion of the different perspectives and people affected by it.

submission details.

The Project 3 Local Issue Argument must be 6 pages and formatted according to MLA 8th edition guidelines, including a heading, title, in-text citations, and a Works Cited. You will submit your essay and interview transcript on Google Classroom.

Project 3 is due by the start of class on Thursday, April 5th.

¹ “Interviewing,” Purdue OWL, https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/559/04/