**English Composition 1**

**Essay #3**

*Persuasive Essay Assignment*

In this essay, write a persuasive essay in which you offer your own reflections on what contributes to a high performance college environment. Then, make an argument for a **specific change** in your **present** environment. Support your argument with at least three references (quoting and/or paraphrasing) from one or both of the following essays:

* Claudia Wallis and Sonja Steptoe’s “How to Bring Our Schools into the 21st Century”
* Howard Gardner’s “Five Minds for the Future”

Your essay should include:

1. An opening paragraph introducing the topic and your position;
2. Three distinct sections of support, each one offering one focused point of support for your thesis;
3. A concluding paragraph;
4. Clear transitions between sections and clear transitions with paragraphs to show shifting ideas;
5. A works cited page using the format below. ADD THE RANGE OF PAGE NUMBERS where you currently see: #-#. I’ve done the rest for you.

The essay must be at least **500 words (in *addition* to the Works Cited page)**, **typed,** and follow the **formatting guidelines** (refer to the syllabus). References must follow in-text citation using the **MLA format**.

**Remember:** The word count **does not include** the Works Cited page. **If you only use one of the essays, be sure to just include the essay you cited.**

Works Cited

Gardner, Howard. “Five Minds for the Future.” *The Place Where We Dwell: Reading and Writing about New York City*, edited by Juanita But, Mark Noonan and Sean Scanlan. 3rd ed. Kendall Hunt, 2014, pp. #-#.

Steptoe, Sonia and Claudia Wallis. “How to Bring Our Schools into the 21st Century.” *The Place Where We Dwell: Reading and Writing about New York City*, edited by Juanita But, Mark Noonan and Sean Scanlan. 3rd ed. Kendall Hunt, 2014, pp. #-#.