**Video/Visual Synthesis Argument Project (Major Grade)**

**Objectives**: View a variety of argumentative perspectives over a central topic using video/visual source material, and evaluate the validity of the arguments. Synthesize a variety of video/visual sources to create an original argument. Present a “verbal electronic” synthesis argument. Revise and finalize a synthesis argument paper.

**Research a current debatable topic** by finding video/visual rhetoric that shows a variety of perspectives on your topic, **and create your original argument based on these sources**.

**You must use:**

* **4 video/visual sources that show a variety of perspectives on your topic. (**One source may be a pop-culture video such as a commercial, a movie/TV clip etc..)
* You need **at least 1 published visual source** (picture, graph, print ad, cartoon etc…).

***Your video/visual sources must be appropriate and/or appropriately edited for school viewing***.

**Put together a presentation (40%)**. You will use Discovery Education “Board Builder” to best display your viewpoint. The presentation must include the video/visual sources. The presentation must include a visual display that takes the audience through a well-developed argument. You are not “writing” paragraphs… but presenting a verbal argument with a visual guide on “your board”. ***Your “board” will be shared through Discovery Education’s portal with other student’s in the AP class*.** This will help to serve as a good argument reference library for current debatable topics.

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**Part II Write a paper (60%): You will write a synthesis argument paper that has:**

* A full introduction
* At least 3 warrants using at least 6 “quotes” from at least 3 sources. Warrants must contain outside concrete details.
* A full conclusion
* An MLA works cited page (go to easybib.com to help you)
* MLA Internal citations for video/visual sources

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**Where to start?**

* Consider the issues in the current Presidential race. View recent political speeches.
* Look at CNN, FOX News, Huffington Post etc… for recent news footage.
* Consider topics that are “trending” on social media
* Look at topics currently satirized by political comedians such as John Oliver, Steven Colbert, The *Daily Show* (Trevor Noah, John Stewart), Bill Maher etc…
* Look at topics that are covered on the Sunday morning shows such as *Meet the Press*, *This Week*, and *Face the Nation*. Look at topics on *60 minutes* or *20/20.*
* Look at [www.americanrhetoric.com](http://www.americanrhetoric.com) to access historical videos and current political speeches.