**Online Assignment #8: Using Evidence to Support an Argument**

**Instructions:** In class, we’ve discussed the different types of evidence (examples, statistics, testimonials) that can be used to support an argument. For this assignment, will start to develop your argument for your final paper (i.e., the written persuasive appeal) by locating different types of evidence that support your argument. Refer to class notes from Unit 8 (Logos) to help you complete this assignment.

Before beginning the assignment, pick the topic that you will argue for in your final paper based on the list of potential topics provided by your instructor. Once you have chosen a topic, complete the following steps:

1. Based on your topic, write a one-sentence thesis statement about the position you will argue in your final paper. Make sure it corresponds with one of the provided topics.
2. For *EACH* of the three types of evidence we discussed in class (examples, statistics, and testimonials), find one source that fits that type of evidence (e.g., for statistics, X% of people are influenced by this or Y program costs x amount of dollars; for examples, describe a story or theoretical piece that illustrates a viewpoint; for testimonial, find an interview or the actual words/opinion of a stakeholder). Academic articles, books, and primary documents are all great sources. Newspapers and editorials can also be used, but be selective. Each source must be relevant to your position on your final paper topic.
3. Provide details about each of the three sources you find. You can (and are encouraged) to use quotes from your articles/books (provided you cite your courses), but you are required to interpret any quotes that you use in your own words. Additionally, explain how this type of evidence will be useful in supporting your argument.
4. Provide a citation for each of the three sources. Make sure these citations match the example templates provided in your Written Persuasive Appeal folder on eCampus (using APA 6th edition format). Visit <http://libguides.wvu.edu/apa> for clarification on APA style.

**Organization tip:** Consider organizing this assignment by each of the three sources. Specifically, provide the citation for the source and then under the citation answer the questions about that source before moving on to the next source.

This assignment aligns with Course Learning Outcome 2.

A completed hardcopy of this assignment will be due at the beginning of your next class meeting.