**Definition Argument Essay Assignment**

**Goal**Write a **1,500-1,750-word essay** using **five to seven academic resources** in which you argue that a contested *“case”* involving the sale, trade, or donation of human organs fits (or does not fit) within a given category. *A case may include a specific news article, story, or incident illustrating a dilemma or controversy relating to the exchange of human organs. The case does* ***not*** *need to be a court case.*

**Directions**

Follow these steps when composing your essay:

1. Start by selecting a controversial case found in the media involving the sale, trade, or donation of human organs. For example, an appropriate case might include a story in the news about an organ broker, and the term to define might be “criminal.”
2. Decide what category you think your case belongs in, with the understanding that others may disagree with you about the definition of your category, and/or whether your chosen case matches your category.
3. In the opening of your essay, introduce the case you will examine and pose your definition question. Do *not* simply summarize here. Instead, introduce the issue and offer context.
4. To support your argument, define the boundaries of your category (criteria) by using a commonly used definition or by developing your own extended definition. *Defining your boundaries* simply means naming the criteria by which you will discuss your chosen case involving the sale, trade, or donation of human organs. If you determine, for example, that an organ broker is a criminal, what criteria constitute this? A criminal may intentionally harm others, which could be one of your criteria.
5. In the second part of your argument (the match), show how your case meets (or does not meet) your definition criteria. Perhaps by comparing or sizing up your controversial case to other cases can help you to develop your argument.

This essay is **NOT** simply a **persuasive essay** on the sale, trade, or donation of human organs. It is an argumentative essay where the writer explains what a term means and uses a specific case to explore the meaning of that term in depth.

**First Draft Grading**

* You will receive completion points for the first draft based upon the successful submission of a complete draft.
* Because your first draft is a completion grade, do not assume that this grade reflects or predicts the final grade. If you do not consider your instructor’s comments, you may be deducted points on your final draft.

**Final Draft Grading**

The essay will be graded using a rubric. Please review the rubric prior to beginning the assignment to become familiar with the assignment criteria and expectations.

**Sources**

* Include in-text citations and a references page in **APA Style** for **FIVE to SEVEN** scholarly sources outside of class texts.
* These sources should be used to support any claims you make and should be present in the text of the essay.
* Use the GCU Library to help you find sources.
* Include this research in the paper in a scholarly manner.

**Format**

Prepare this assignment according to the guidelines found in the **APA Style Guide**, located in the **Student Success Center**.

**LopesWrite**

You are required to submit this assignment to LopesWrite. Refer to the [LopesWrite Technical Support articles](https://support.gcu.edu/hc/en-us/sections/360001963394-LopesWrite) for assistance.