



## **Senior Paper Objectives**

*Students will demonstrate the ability to:*

- Choose a topic of interest and narrow it down to a researchable, argumentative claim
- Conduct academic research
- Analyze interpret and synthesize and information from various sources to create an arguable claim
- Articulate an informed personal opinion through an arguable claim which can be supported by evidence
- Recognize links and relationships among sources (contributes to warrant)
- Identify and organize major and minor supporting evidence
- Acknowledge opposing viewpoints by presenting counter arguments
- Rebut counter arguments with solid evidence
- Present evidence and information persuasively
- Organize information into a logical coherent structure and outline
- Summarize, paraphrase, and directly quote sources appropriately
- Use correct MLA-format parenthetical documentation
- Write fluid, interesting, organized prose using conventions such as: hook, functional introduction, transitions, varied sentence structure, conclusion
- Organize and manage personal time to complete a long-range assignment to meet required deadlines
- Utilize peers in the process of editing and revising personal work
- Produce a polished clean essay by: revising, editing, proofreading
- Proofread, edit, evaluate, and constructively criticize peer work
- Direct and control personal learning toward a realistic goal