

Major Argument Paper

Situation: A small part land that used to belong to the countries of Columbia, Peru, and Brazil, has declared its independence. The new country is called **Amazonas**. Because it is a developing country, there are several decisions that need to be made.

You are hired as a foreign consultant. Write a proposal to newly elected prime minister of Amazonas with your answer to one of the following questions. Remember to also acknowledge and refute the opposing arguments.

Writing Prompt

Option A: Should Amazonas invest in a nuclear power plant in order to provide the country with energy?

Option B: The United Nations is giving the country \$5 billion to invest in either education OR healthcare. How should the foreign aid be used?

Requirements:

- Introduction and thesis statement
- Opposing viewpoint + rebuttal pattern
- Two paraphrases and one direct quote from outside sources
- Approximately 2 pages, double-space
- MLA style Works Cited page



Name: _____

Homework Assignment #1: Outline of Ideas

1. Check which prompt you are going to write about

- Option A:** Should Amazonas invest in a nuclear power plant in order to provide the country with energy?
- Option B:** The United Nations is giving the country \$5 billion to invest in either education OR healthcare. How should the foreign aid be used?

2. What is your position? _____

3. What are the 2 main OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS that you would like to consider in your paper? Fill in the box.

Some people feel that....
Opponents argue that...

1.
2.

4. What are your REBUTTALS and examples to these opposing viewpoints (your response)?

This may be true, but...
However,

1.
2.

5. What are your other arguments you would like to mention in the paper?

Furthermore,....
Additionally,....

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