

Dr. Montgomery

Essay

Due date: Thursday, November 21, 2013 9:20 (at the start of the final exam)

Length: 5 paragraphs/2 pages (250-750 words)

Formatting Style: Times New Roman, 12-point font, double spaced

Citation Style: APA format

Assignment:

Your assignment is to write a five paragraph persuasive essay that takes a normative¹ position on one of the issues we have discussed in this class.

This year, the issue is international trade, and in particular Japan joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership. So you will choose a normative position on this issue – Japan *should* join the Trans-Pacific Partnership or Japan *should not* join the Trans-Pacific Partnership – and support your position in a 5 paragraph persuasive essay.

Advice:

The five paragraph persuasive essay is a standard writing assignment and I hope you have encountered it before in your high school English classes or the English for Language Arts program here at ICU. We will review the structure of a five paragraph persuasive essay in class (Introduction, Argument 1, Argument 2, Argument 3, Conclusion). The assignment in this class is to use this structure to argue a position on some issue from an economic perspective, so your essay should demonstrate your mastery of the language and concepts we have learned.

Intermediate Deadlines:

Intermediate assignments include submission of: (1) word web (Oct. 10)
(2) outline (Oct. 24) and (3) first draft with student checklist (Nov. 7).

¹ Normative economics deals with values and what *should* be, rather than what *is*. In contrast, positive economics focuses on value-free descriptions and forecasts of economic relationships.