

## Simple instructions for a position paper

### Intro paragraph

- Explain main idea (e.g. what is the unit we are in)
- Explain pros of the left wing view of that topic
- Explain pros of right wing view of that topic
- State your thesis (answer to the question)
- State your reasons (don't explain them here)

### Body One

- Explain your first reason for your thesis
- Provide examples to support your reason
- Express the counter argument
  - "An opponent would say..."
  - "One may argue..."
  - "Some feel..."
- Explain why the counter argument is wrong
- Restate your thesis relating back to your reason

### Body Two

Repeat body one

### Body Three

Repeat body one

### Conclusion

- Restate thesis
- Review counter arguments
- Explain why they are wrong using your reasons and examples
- Have a concluding statement that reaffirms your thesis

### Other hints

12 pt font (recommended Cambria, Times New Roman, Ariel) – can also be 11 pt font (because GoogleDocs seems to revert to this)

- **Must** double space
- Use key terms and examples from class to demonstrate your learning