**Argumentative Essay Assignment**

**1. Assignment**: Write a position paper. 3-5 pages. D/S, Normal Margins, 12 pt. Font - Shared as Google Doc. on Google Classroom. **This is due on Friday, April 24.** You will be given all of today to work on this.

**2. Prompt**: In a well-written essay, take a position on a universal theme central to a "Coming of Age" story. In other words, *argue for or against the importance* of one of these concepts as it relates to literature, real life, and adolescents.

**3. Suggestions:** You may choose one of the following topics and develop a theme (or come up with your own). Sample Thesis: *Given social media and modern means of communication, personal relationships in high school no longer matter to my generation.*

Search for Identity

Making Difficult Decisions

Loss of Innocence

Sexuality

Dealing with Death/Tragedy

Friendship/ Personal Relationships

**4. Suggested Outline For Your Position Paper:**

1. Introduction: Hook, Background, Thesis

2. Body Paragraphs (x 2 or x 3): Topic Sentence or Counter-argument

- Claim, Data, Commentary

- Related Claim, Data, Commentary

- Related Claim, Data, Commentary

- Transition Sentence

3. Conclusion: Restate Thesis, “So what?” statement/ Elixir of life: What did we all learn?

**5. Data Mining: USE Gophers**

**G**overnment and current events:

**O**bservations and personal experience:

**P**hilosophy and psychology:

**H**istory:

**E**ntertainment and pop culture:

**R**eadings: *Catcher in the Rye, Absolutely True Story of a Part-time Indian, Perks of Being A Wall Flower*

**S**cience and technology: