Paper #3

Write a position paper taking one side of an argument. You may choose any topic/argument (within reason).

Be sure to:

- Clearly state your position
- Consider a specific audience
- Gather facts as well as your opinion
- Anticipate your readers concerns and questions
- Counter-act the “other-side” of the argument

Technical requirements for final draft:

- 800-1000 words
- Typed
- Stapled
- MLA format (including citations where appropriate)
- Grade sheet stapled to front of essay

Topic: ______________________________________________________

Position (stated in the form of a thesis statement):

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Name: ________________________________

Essay #3--Position Paper/Persuasive Essay  Grade Sheet

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