**AVID 10 Argumentative Issue Prompt**

**A Controversial Issue**

It seems our society continually wrestles with controversial issues that have no clear resolutions because of the complexities of the circumstances and people involved. Capital punishment, euthanasia, faith healing, suicide, and abortion are just a few of the controversial issues facing our nation and the world. As the media highlights these issues, individuals are left to decide which side they agree with, and in some cases, join efforts in persuading legislators or the general public to agree with their views.

Select a controversial issue that interests you. After researching the subject, which side of the issue you support. Write a multi-paragraph essay in which you persuade the reader to agree with your position on this issue. Be sure to include and cite specific details and examples to support your argument, and remember to address opposing viewpoints.

As you write, remember your essay will be scored based on how well you:

 develop a multi-paragraph response to the assigned topic that clearly communicates your thesis to the audience.

 support your thesis with meaningful reasons and sufficient details.

 address the readers' concerns, opposing viewpoint, or counterarguments.

 organize your essay in a clear and logical manner, including an introduction, body, and conclusion.

 use well-structured sentences and language that are appropriate for your audience.

 edit your work to conform to the conventions of standard American English.