**Mini-Research Paper**

**Topic: How does business corruption in China(Gift Giving, Bribery)effect people and their society?**

**Purpose**

A college research paper is likely different from the report-based research papers you may have written in high school. The purpose of this paper is thus to 1) introduce you to a basic college research paper form and 2) help you become more familiar with finding and using sources effectively in college.

**Genre & Audience**

This analytical mini-research paper should be written for an academic audience. It could be used as a sample of your writing for a scholarship application or admission into an honor society.

**Topic and Task**

In Chapter 10, you read about corruption in general. In this assignment, you will examine the issue more specifically, looking at unethical behavior in your own country. As the topic of your research paper, you should choose a specific incident of corruption that occurred in your country, or you may choose unethical behavior/corruption that exists in a specific area of society in your country. Your research paper will then investigate the effects of this unethical behavior. You will develop a research question that defines the topic and the scope of the effects that you will discuss, and your paper will present your perspective on the answer(s) to your research question, following the guidelines in Chapter 16.

**Requirements**

* **Organization**: This paper should have four sections: Background, Argument, Analysis, and Conclusion.
* **Target length:** 1000-1200 words (does not include References page)

[Suggested lengths: Background 250-300 words, Argument 100 words, Analysis 500-600 words, Conclusion 150-200 words]

* **Format:** APA style requires papers that have one-inch margins, double spacing, ½-inch paragraph indents, and 12-point font. please put your name, instructor’s name, course and section, Paper 3 Draft #, date, and word count single-spaced in the upper left corner. Then center your title. Also, *be sure to include the four section headings*.
* **Use of sources:** You may use 4-5 sources in this paper. At least one of the sources must be a reading from Chapter 10. You will do online research to find other credible, relevant sources on your own.
* **Source citation:** Use APA style in-text citations and a References page.

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| * + | 🗸 | - | Ø | The text has an effective and creative title. |
| + | 🗸 | - | Ø | The Background section clearly and concisely introduces and explains the situation, providing necessary background information without discussing the specific focus or argument of the paper (*no effects*). |
| + | 🗸 | - | Ø | The Background synthesizes information from at least two sources in several organized, focused paragraphs. |
| + | 🗸 | - | Ø | The Argument section flows logically from the Background section. |
| + | 🗸 | - | Ø | The Argument introduces the specific focus of the paper by clearly defining the research question, explains why it is an important or interesting question, and ends with a thesis that presents an overall answer and shows the direction the paper will take. |
| + | 🗸 | - | Ø | The Analysis section describes, explains, and evaluates the effects of the situation in focused, logically ordered paragraphs that develop the thesis, leading readers through the writer’s answer to the research question. |
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| + | 🗸 | - | Ø | The Conclusion section synthesizes the paper’s main points and suggests further action or research or helps readers see future or broader implications of the argument. |
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| + | 🗸 | - | Ø | APA format is used effectively to cite sources, both in-text and on the References page. |
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| + | 🗸 | - | Ø | The text, title, heading, and section headings are formatted appropriately. |
| + | 🗸 | - | Ø | The paper meets the minimum word count. |
| + | 🗸 | - | Ø | The paper cites 4-5 sources, at least one of which is an assigned reading. |
| **Advisory Score:** (See Portfolio Rubric for details)  Excellent Good Satisfactory Unsatisfactory | | | | |
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