Academic Argument

Write an academic argument on an issue or a problem that you would like to investigate this semester. It might be helpful to think about this research project as an opportunity for you to enter into a conversation of diverse viewpoints where you can learn and then formulate your own viewpoint. The issue or problem must be academically researchable, meaning it must be open to investigation through secondary research (written sources) and primary research (observations, surveys, interviews). Also, it should be one you can explore with an open mind.

Your purpose for writing the academic argument is to support your viewpoint on the issue or problem. To accomplish this task, you will need to use logical reasoning and evidence to develop your argument. Evidence may consist of facts, statistics, case examples, research studies, and expert opinion. In addition, you will need to present alternative viewpoints in a fair manner and respond to them. Material for your academic argument should come from authoritative written sources: articles from magazines, newspapers, and scholarly journals; government documents; and documents from Internet websites of credible organizations. You will need to incorporate at least five written sources into your argument using quotation, paraphrase, and summary. Three of these sources need to be scholarly in nature. In addition, you will need to draw upon material from at least one type of primary research you’ve conducted. To document your written sources, you will need to use APA Documentation Style. The target audience for your academic argument is members of the academic community who are looking to read an intelligent argument on the issue or problem. The final version should be 8-10 pages.