Argument Essay (midterm & Regents practice)

\*Read directions carefully.

\*Pay attention to TASK.

\*Make your **Claim = thesis** (which side are you on?)

\*Bring TWO highlighters to mark up the 4 texts.

One color is the “pro” side and the other color is the side against.

\*Cite THREE texts MINIMUM

“One reason algae blah blah blah” (Text 4, line 12).

Mr. Scientist says that algae is good (Text 3, line 13)

\*You must have a concession (counter-claim).

e.g.: Even though Mr. Smith says that algae is not good for fuel, he is wrong because…

Easy Essay Formula

INTRODUCTION

1. Hook (interesting, explanatory sentence)
2. Claim (thesis) e.g.: **Although** some people disagree, **algae is an important solution** to our energy problems.

BODY PARAGRAPH #1

1. Concession (counter-claim)

e.g.: **Some would argue** that algae cannot work as a fuel because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but they are wrong because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

BODY PARAGRAPH #2

1. Transition into weaker argument  
   e.g.: **However**, we must explore the benefits of algae because…
2. CD, CM, CM

BODY PARAGRAPH #3

1. Transition into strongest argument. E.g.:  
   **Another reason** algae will work as a new fuel is…  
   CD, CM, CM

CONCLUSION

1. Reword your thesis (Do not repeat it word for word).
2. Look to the future (why should we care?) e.g.: If we act now, we might be able to save the planet’s resources.

CM: Commentary sentences answer the questions, “So what? Who Cares? Why is this important to my claim/thesis?