Position Paper Assignment Recap: You will write a 750-1000 word position paper in which you make a claim and “prove” it.

Your paper will primarily be a claim of policy. You can use the same topic you used for the issue proposal and/or exploratory paper or you can select a new one cleared by me. This paper must follow MLA format. The sources must be varied (books, articles, Internet sources, journals, etc.). Wikipedia is not an acceptable source. Sample Structure Introduction Briefly introduce the controversial issue you researched.

Identify the different perspectives.

End with a claim of policy statement.

Body Provide evidence to support your claim.  Include a refutation.  A refutation is typically a paragraph before the conclusion.  In the refutation paragraph, you do 2 things: 1) show that you understand the opposing side by summarizing their view briefly and gracefully (no name calling!) and 2) you offer another piece of evidence to explain why your claim is reasonable, logical,  a well thought out plan, etc. Conclusion

End the paper the same way you would any other academic paper.

Make a prediction or make a recommendation.  You could summarize your major points or end with a thought provoking quote/idea.