**On-Demand Writing Task**

Name:

Teacher:

School:

**2nd Benchmark - Argument**

11th Grade

**Today you will write an argumentative essay, about a topic or text you’ve been studying in class, showing what you know about the structure and craft of argument writing.**

*To write your argument you will:*

**Make and support a claim in an analysis of a substantive topic or text, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.**

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| **As you DRAFT your argument, be sure to:** | |
|  | Introduce a precise claim and establish the significance of it |
|  | Distinguish the claim from alternate or opposing claims |
|  | Create an organization that establishes clear relationships among the claim and counterclaims, reasons, and evidence |
|  | Supply evidence for each claim and counterclaim, anticipating your audience’s knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases |
|  | Use specific rhetorical devices to support assertions (e.g., ethos, pathos, logos; relate a personal anecdote, case study or analogy) |
|  | Use linking words, phrases, and clauses for cohesion and clarification |
|  | Establish and maintain a formal style |
|  | Include a concluding statement or section |
| **As you EDIT your writing, check your:** | |
|  | Capitalization |
|  | Sentence structure |
|  | Punctuation |
|  | Spelling |