Argumentative Writing

10:00 – 12:30

**Description:**

Students will write a 200 – 300 word essay about a controversial national or international current events topic. Students will have two topics from which to choose. The mode of the essay will be argumentative. Students must include a claim and support that claim. Students will be given at least two articles with information about the topic. Students may **not access** the internet during the writing time but may include their own perceptions and knowledge of the topics. Ideas & Content, Organization, Voice, and Word Choice will be the primary traits for judging. Sentence Fluency and Conventions will be used as tie breakers.

**Prizes**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

Please complete the following table and return either:

1. Type into table, save and email to **jphilley@coquille.k12.or.us**

2. Write into table, scan and email to **jphilley@coquille.k12.or.us**

3. Write into table and fax to **541-396-4635**

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| **School name =** |
| **Teacher or staff contact name =** |
| **Teacher or staff email address =** |

Each school can send four students to this contest.

Please enter the team member’s names and grade levels.

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| **Names**  | **Grade level** |
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