

Argumentative Essay Writing Prompt

Student Name: _____

Writing Prompt: African Americans were not allowed to attend Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs), so they created their own institutions. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were established during segregation in the early 1830s to ensure African Americans received a higher education. Since then HBCUs have had a higher undergraduate graduation rate for minority students. Some people argue that HBCUs are better than PWIs, while other people still think that attending a PWI is the best choice for all people. Are Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) better than Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs)? Be sure to state your claim and support it.

Group Guidelines:

- In groups discuss both the pros and cons of attending HBCUs and a PWIs.
- On color paper: As a group write your entire introduction, state your 3 reasons, state your counterclaim, and write your entire conclusion. - **100 points**
- On chart paper: As a group write your thesis statement, state your 3 reasons, and state your counterclaim. You will present this information.- **100 points**
- Each group member name must be listed on the documents to receive credit.
- Each group member must have a designated portion of the paper to write (intro, reasons, conclusion, etc.) to receive credit.
- Everyone must have a speaking part in the presentation to receive credit.

<u>PROS</u>	<u>CONS</u>

Introduction + Thesis Statement (30 points):
Reason 1 (10 points):
Reason 2 (10 points):
Reason 3 (10 points):
Counterclaim (20 points):
Conclusion (20 points):