**Persuasive Essay Assignment**

For this assignment, you will write your own persuasive essay. Each of the fourteen options is a yes-or-no question. Choose one side and create a speech or essay intended to persuade your audience to hold your point of view. Use at least five of the rhetorical devices that we discussed and took notes on in class. Circle/underline/highlight those five rhetorical devices and label them.

As you write, keep in mind the audience for your essay as well as what you want them to believe or do.

**Topic options:**

1. Should public schools teach abstinence?
2. Should animals be used for experimentation and research?
3. Is hunting morally acceptable?
4. Should executions be televised?
5. Is the cloning of humans ethical?
6. Is cosmetic surgery a good or a bad thing?
7. Should students be allowed to drop out of school at 16?
8. Is homeschooling a viable alternative to public school education?
9. Is global warming a reality?
10. Is single-sex education better than co-ed education?
11. Is drug testing athletes justified?
12. Should assisted suicide/euthanasia be legalized?
13. Should it be easier to obtain a divorce?
14. Should there be a tax on fatty foods?

Fill these three out before you begin writing:

Question #:

Stance (yes/no):

Audience: