*In an argumentative essay, take a stand either for or against zoos. Support your stance and refute a counterargument with information and examples paraphrased from the article. Do not use any outside sources of information.*

**Your writing will be scored based on the following criteria:**

* Do you have a good introduction with a clear thesis statement?
* Do your body paragraphs each have a topic sentence and supporting details?
* Do you make good arguments based on the forms we discussed in class?
* Are your paragraphs long enough, and contain transitions?
* Is your information paraphrased from the source, without plagiarizing?
* Do you have limited errors in grammar and word choice?
* Do you have limited errors in spelling, capital letters and punctuation?

**Check your essay for each of these things!**

Give yourself time to plan, write, and edit your essay. You may use Microsoft Word to write your essay, but not an online translator.

**Format:**

Write your name, the date, and course name in the upper left-hand corner of the essay, and give your paper a title. Indent the first line of each new paragraph, and double-space the lines.

**Example:**

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**Title**

 For years, people have debated whether golf is a sport. Some people consider golf to be a sport because it is a challenging athletic activity. Others feel that golf is a game, as it can be successfully played by people who are …………

**You have 2.5 hours to complete your essay.**