Choose a topic of interest. Make sure that you choose a topic with twoopposing sides. Then, you need to research that topic in order to specify thetopic’s scope, so it can be easily discussed in a 1000 word essay.

Thefollowing overused topics may NOT be used in your essay:

gun control,  
abortion,  
capital punishment,  
gay marriage,  
gays in the military,  
mandatory drug testing,  
euthanasia,  
childhood obesity,  
women in the military,  
diets (including the Paleo diet),  
workout regimens (including CrossFit),  
underage drinking,

dangers ofsmoking (including e-cigarettes and synthetic marijuana)

salaries forcollege athletes  
the legalization of marijuana<?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

Make sure to include the following sections in youressay:  
an introduction and claim,  
background,  
body,  
and a conclusion.  
  
Within the body of your essay, make sure to include the following in any order:  
support for your claim,  
opposing or alternate views,  
the strengths and weaknesses of your opponents' claims,  
and your rebuttals of their claims.   
  
After you have written your essay, please make sure to revise the content ofyour essay. Lastly, be sure to edit your essay by checking grammar, format, andsmaller technical details. Please make sure your essay is written in thirdperson.  
  
The Annotated Bibliography  
  
An annotated Bibliography (AB) is due with your Toulmin essay. Using the MLAguide, list each source as it will appear on the Works Cited page of youressay. Summarize each source in two or three grammatically-correct sentences.These short summaries are the "annotations."