PERSUASIVE WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Pick one of the myths presented in the Dangers of Debt chapter. Write a persuasive essay to someone who believes that particular myth to be true.

Remember that a persuasive essay attempts to convince someone that your point of view is valid. In your essay, be sure to discuss both sides of the position so you can effectively counter the opposing view.

Use one other source of information besides your workbook to support your argument. You can search for information at daveramsey.com or use a search engine and type a summary of your myth in the search box (for example, “lottery tax on poor”).

Your persuasive essay will include the following five paragraphs:

- **Introductory paragraph**: Provide a clear statement of your position in the topic sentence. Give two clear arguments that support this position.
- **Two supporting paragraphs**: Each argument stated above should be covered in a separate paragraph. Support each paragraph with specific examples, facts and reasoning.
- **One paragraph stating the opposite viewpoint**: Use an opposing statement and then refute it. For example, you might say, “One could argue that (state opposite viewpoint), but I believe that (state your viewpoint).”
- **Closing paragraph**: Restate the position. Reaffirm the most compelling argument. Do not introduce new arguments in the conclusion.