

## 9A

### Control of Nature Final Writing Assignment

#### Timed, 60-minute, In-class Essay

Write an argumentative essay on the mudflow/debris flows of the Los Angeles basin. Take a stance on development in debris flow areas. Should we be building houses and buildings in such hazardous areas and then guard against nature's forces? Or should we avoid these areas altogether and let nature be?

Choose the perspective of one of the following people:

- City planner
- Homeowner
- Fire fighter/ emergency worker
- Engineer for city or county

Some things to address are the following questions:

- Should construction of homes/businesses be allowed in debris flow prone areas?
- If so - who should pay for debris basins clean up?
- Should insurance companies write insurance, and should it be required in flow prone areas?
- Should there be an educational program on the dangers?
- Should there be a required disclosure when property is sold?

Consider:

- Make it clear who you "are" (what perspective you've taken on)
- Still needs a clear introduction, thesis, body paragraphs, and conclusion
- Use at least 3 of your sentence patterns
- Use two vocabulary words
- Read the prompt carefully and make sure you answer it fully
- Write according to proper argumentative essay structure, even though it is in letter format
- Feel free to add pictures!