Video 2: Model Essay

Slide 1: Introduction
Hello, and welcome back!
This is video two for the SLS 1101 AP assignment. In this video, we’re going to talk about a Model Essay.

Slide 2: Your Paper (00:18)
Okay, let’s review about your paper. How many pages should your paper be? That’s right, three pages. What should be on each page? Well, you’re going to have a title page, an essay page with two paragraphs, and a references page. So, those are your three pages right there. Let’s take a look at my model and kind of see what it looks like.

I have it open here somewhere in Microsoft Word.
Here we go.

Slide 3: Model Essay Example (00:40)
Okay, let’s start on the title page. I’m going to zoom in a little. This is what your title page should look like. You’ll notice it is kind of…uh…has a lot of blank space in there. Really, the purpose here is to make it look nice. You’re going to have a running head up at the top. This is the title of your paper right here. You put it in all caps there at the top. You also have the page number on each page. In the middle of the page, centered, you have your title again. This time it’s not in all caps. Um, then below that you have your name and the name of the college. So that’s it, for the title page. Scroll down and you’ll see the uh, actual essay page. Remember, you’re going to have two paragraphs. There’s one there, here’s two. Remember one of those is going to be pro, it’s going to represent the pro side of your argument, and the other one is going to be con. You’re not going to take sides, but you’re just going to evenly present each side about what it believes. Notice also on your second page you have your title again up here at the top. This time you leave out the words ‘running head’, but you do have the name of your paper in all caps up here. And you also have your page number. Here again, centered you have your title. So, your title actually appears quite a bit in the paper. You can also look here and get a preview of what it looks like to directly quote. You can see here we have the quotation marks on both sides of my quote. And here I have my in-text citation, we’re going to talk a little bit more about those later in another video. Um, down here I don’t have a direct quote, instead I paraphrased so I don’t have to use quotation marks, but notice I still have to have parenthesis and I still have to give the authors’ name to say where I got it from. So, this is page two of your paper. Now I’m going to scroll down. This is the last page of the paper, again I have my title in all caps, page number here. This is the reference page. Here at the top, centered, I’m going to write references, and then I have my two entries. One of these is my pro article and one of these is my con article. Notice I got both of them from Opposing Viewpoints. And, I got these citations using the citations tool button inside my article in Opposing Viewpoints. So when you have that article that you like in Opposing Viewpoints, just select the little button that says ‘citation tools’ and it will allow you to download and then copy and paste your APA citation that will go in your references page. The purpose here is to give your reader all the information he or she needs to find this information again. And, notice this little part that sticks out here, that’s going to match up with the in-text citation, so whatever sticks out is going to be the first part of your in-text citation. Okay, so I hope this doesn’t look too imposing, it’s not too bad, just three pages that will- your final paper will look like.

Okay, let’s go back to PowerPoint and review.
So in this video we looked at a model essay, and in the next video we will talk about the references page in a little more detail.
I’ll talk to you soon, bye.