Point/Counterpoint Essay Assignment

1. Login to Opposing Viewpoints database. Your borrower ID is your student number; and your PIN is the last four digits of your social security number. If you’re an international student, your PIN may be 9999. Click Connect to Database.

2. Choose a topic from the Issues list.

3. Find a point and counterpoint in the Featured Viewpoints section found under the issue of your choice in the Opposing Viewpoints database. Choose one viewpoint that argues one way and one viewpoint that argues another. Below is an example found under the issue of adoption.
4. Read the two Featured Viewpoints from the Opposing Viewpoints database and complete the outline provided for you.

5. Using the outline, compose a four-paragraph essay (350-400 words) containing the following guidelines:
   - Include an introductory paragraph with a thesis containing both viewpoints; one body paragraph with supporting details about one viewpoint; another body paragraph with supporting details about the other viewpoint; and a final paragraph with a concluding opinion.
   - Use standard American-English grammar and usage. No slang, jargon, or contractions. Consult this guide for help with grammar and mechanics.
   - Write in the third person. This standard of writing gives your paper a level of objectivity. Eliminate usage of the following pronouns I, my, me; we, our, us; you, your, yours.
   - Format the paper and cite your two sources using MLA format. Consult this guide for help with MLA style.

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