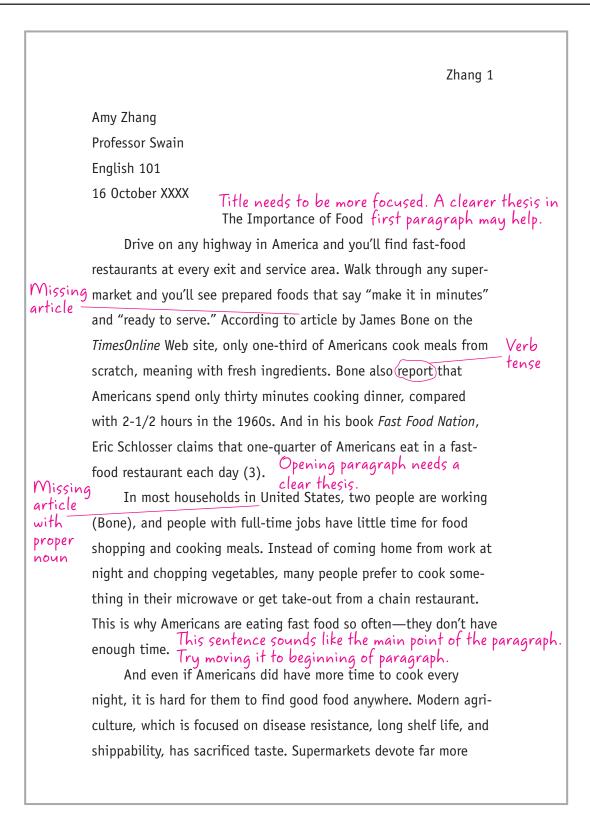
Argument Paper, Draft with Instructor's Comments, MLA Style (Zhang)



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space to boxed and canned items than they do to frozen foods and fresh meat, fish, and vegetables. Paragraph strays from main topic of paper. Consider eliminating. Another reason that mealtime has become so short is that many younger adults grew up in what one might call a fast-food culture. In the past thirty years, inventions such as cell phone, fax machine, and computer have increased the pace of life. At the Plural same time, microwave oven, drive-through restaurant, and TV nouns for Noun general dinner have changed the way Americans eat. Many people now ("-ing categories prefer to eat quickly, even in their cars or in front of the televiform) after sion, instead of take) time to cook a meal and sit at the table. preposition In this culture of instant gratification, people don't think food is important enough to spend much time on. Americans' obsession with fast food has caused the quality Missing of their lives to go down. First of all, their health is suffering. As linking verb most people know, fast foods and frozen meals generally less healthy than foods made from scratch. They have lots of preserva-No "will" tives, fat, sugar, and salt to hide the fact that they are not fresh. in "if" clause If people will not eat fresh foods that provide necessary vitamins and minerals, they may become tired and sick, and they may miss Placeout on opportunities to enjoy their lives. holder Another serious health concern is obesity. Is an obesity "There" missing epidemic in America today, especially with young people, that is related to the way people are eating. According to Schlosser, "the rate of obesity among American children is twice as high as it was in the late 1970s" (240). Obesity can lead to many health problems, including diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. The United

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	cause of death in this country. Certainly, if fast food causes people to become obese, and then obesity causes them to get sick or die, fast food cannot be consider an "improvement" in Americans' lives. The economy causes most people to work long hours, and	End of essay needs develop- ment. Readers expect a strong endina	
	that leaves little time for cooking, so it is understandable that people rely so much on fast food. It makes life much easier and allows parents to get other things done around the house and spend time with their children. If they try hard enough, people can		
	even find healthy options at fast-food restaurants, such as salads and bottled water instead of fries and sodas. So maybe fast food isn't always a bad thing. Fit takes the opposite view of your main point. Revise owledge opposing view without contradicting your main		
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