Good morning, everyone. Allow me to explain more about what I expect on your **position paper** and letter to some lucky person or entity (e.g., an organization).

First, an important aspect of a position paper is that you support a particular position on an issue which can be debated. This means, of course, that the issue must have more than one side.

Second, you must clearly state your position. That thesis statement will thus not be something like "We should consider … "

Third, you must provide support for your position and any claims that you make. Such support could include academic articles, books, substantive webpages, and similar sources. You may not, however, cite Wikipedia. **Never** do that.

The basic outline is what I would expect with a persuasive essay:

1. An overview of the issue

2. A clear statement of your position

3. Support for your position, its parts (see our class webpage)

4. A brief treatment of the other side of the issue

5. A conclusion that restates and reinforces your main points

6. Your sources

I expect at least a couple pages plus a title page (thus, cleverly, you would need three pages total). This will then be attached to an email which your group will send to [me], but you will write the email as if you were writing to a particular person or a group. As an attachment, it will need an appropriate filename, of course.

**Some possible thesis statements:**

The Japanese government should subsidize paperless workplaces.

Chiba University should encourage paperless academic submissions.

Mitsubishi and other manufacturers should be required to limit the maximum
temperatures on air conditioning/heating units.

Exploration for and production of oil in wilderness areas such as ANWR should continue.

Plastics products should be levied with a 100% “oil tax”.

compulsory education

cram school --> extracurricular school (= extra + curricular)

clam school ??? --> clamchowder

I'm curious about our student body ... 60% attend e-c schools, but how
about Chiba U students?

What do those 40% people become?

A couple points for you to consider:

1. To what extent are extracurricular schools necessary?

2. To what extent do they contribute to successful educational results?

3. As a parent, would you want your children to attend such schools? Why
or why not?

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