Persuasive Essay (SAT Model)

Choose one of the following issues:

**Should Caffeine Be a Regulated Substance?**

Anchor Article: Pros and Cons of the Caffeine Craze  
*Kathleen Doheny, WebMD*

**Should Teachers Be Armed?**

Anchor Article: Should Teachers Carry Guns? The Debate, Explained  
*Education Week Staff*

**Should School Start Time Be Changed?**

Anchor Article: The Pros and Cons of Starting School Later  
*Amy Morin, verywellfamily.com*

Use the process described below. Complete steps one through four on Thursday.

**Step One:** Read each article. Choose the issue that you find the most interesting or relevant.

**Step Two:** Choose a position: are you for or against the change that is being proposed?

**Step Three:** Find additional information about the issue. Search for and use only valid, trustworthy sources. Identify each source clearly: title, author, where published.

**Step Four:** Take notes from two or more sources. Remember your position. You want to find information that will help you create a convincing argument using logos, pathos, and ethos.

**Step Five:** Write the first draft of your persuasive essay. We will do this in class on Monday.