

Pages from the Past Curriculum Materials

“Local German Americans told to ‘get right or get out’ during World War I”

Using the “Coliseum Filled at German Day Celebration,” write a one page editorial either agreeing with or disagreeing with the content of the article. Focus should be on argumentation and reasoning, particularly making reference to the arguments made by Professor Rittmiller and Professor Goebel.

Remember, a quality argument will address possible counterclaims that an opponent may bring up. Outline and create a solid argument of your own prior to writing. You want to be using the reasons that will best support your overall claim.

**Other alternatives may include writing a letter to the school superintendent about issues that are relevant to students today (health value of school lunch, school start time) or a politician (safety concerns, want to improve the community) that enable students to create their own arguments and develop rhetorical skills.