**Opposing Viewpoint Response Assessment:**

**Topic?**

**To increase the minimum wage in this country or to keep the minimum wage at its current amount.**

**Is it an Extend Learning Opportunity (Homework) or an Assessment?**

**\*It will be graded as an Assessment**

**What to write and what is the actual question that needs to be answered and addressed in our essay?**

**You will be asked to write a persuasive response reflecting on either the pro or con benefits and or drawbacks about a living wage as it pertains to the possibility of increasing the minimum wage and what is the role of our government in either increasing or maintaining our current minimum wage rate as you in your writing response will be asking for specific action.**

**What is expected of you in your opposing viewpoint response?**

**Your opposing viewpoint response will be evaluated by the depth of your argument, their use of evidence, your accuracy, and your writing/grammar.**

**See** [**http://mrkay.weebly.com/wsj-opposing-viewpoint-act-responses.html**](http://mrkay.weebly.com/wsj-opposing-viewpoint-act-responses.html) **and** [**http://mrkay.weebly.com/writing-response-assessment-opposing-viewpoints-wsj.html**](http://mrkay.weebly.com/writing-response-assessment-opposing-viewpoints-wsj.html)

**for suggestions for starting places for additional research on living wage issues.**

**When will we be doing this in-class assessment?**

**Monday, December 15th**

**Creditable Resources**

**Supporting an increase in the minimum wage to support a living wage**

**P.O.V.’s Waging a Living Website**

[**www.pbs.org/pov/pov2006/wagingaliving/**](http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2006/wagingaliving/)

**On Henry Ford: His take on a Living Wage**

[**www.mackinac.org/depts/ecodevo/article.asp?ID=59**](http://www.mackinac.org/depts/ecodevo/article.asp?ID=59)

**Economic Policy Institute: In Support of a Living Wage**

[**www.epinet.org/content.cfm/issueguides\_livingwage\_livingwage**](http://www.epinet.org/content.cfm/issueguides_livingwage_livingwage)

**United for a Fair Economy’s Responsible Wealth Project**

[**www.responsiblewealth.org/living\_wage/index.html**](http://www.responsiblewealth.org/living_wage/index.html)

**Oppose an increase in the minimum wage**

**Search on “living wage” or “minimum wage” at the following think tank websites to find articles and position papers opposing the adoption of a living wage:**

**Cato Institute**

[**www.cato.org**](http://www.cato.org)

**Manhattan Institute**

[**www.manhattan-institute.org**](http://www.manhattan-institute.org)

**Hudson Institute**

[**www.hudson.org**](http://www.hudson.org)

**The Living Wage Campaign by Herbert I. London (1999)**

[**www.hudson.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=publication\_details&id=412**](http://www.hudson.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=publication_details&id=412)