“Cave Baby” Written Response

**Objectives:** to express yourself in writing; to use argument, counterargument, and rebuttal effectively; to improve persuasive writing ability

**The Question:**

Is it wrong to use our scientific knowledge to create a “cave baby”?

**The Assignment:**

Take a position on the above question. Your job is to convince others to side with your position.

1. Decide if you are for or against the creation of a “cave baby”.
2. Explain your position in detail, appealing to logic, reason, and emotion
3. Explain in detail how your examples support your position.
4. Include a counterargument and rebuttal (explain the other side of the argument and why that side is wrong).

**The Key Vocabulary:**

***Persuasion:*** when you try to convince someone to agree with your point-of-view through argumentation, examples, evidence, and addressing the counterargument.

***Argument:*** the point you are trying to prove through your writing. To prove a point, you must have evidence and explanations for that evidence. You cannot just say that something is right or wrong, but rather, WHY something is that way.

***Counterargument:*** address the opposing viewpoint. What would someone say on the other side of this debate? What arguments would they use? Include these in your response, and be sure to include a rebuttal.

***Rebuttal:*** refuting the counterargument. A rebuttal is a detailed explanation of why the counterargument is wrong. This is essential in persuasive writing.

**The DEADLINE:**

Block 2: Tuesday, January 29 by 7:30 am to turnitin.com

Blocks 7 & 8: Wednesday, January 20 by 7:30 am to turnitin.com

We will self and peer edit on Tuesday/Wednesday!