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**Research Assignment 6**  
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Write a 1000 word essay answering the following question.

*What are the most important qualities for a creature (artificial or natural) to possess in order to be considered alive? While there is no right answer, responses will be evaluated on clearly stating a position and arguing it persuasively.*