

## **The Argumentative Essay**

The argumentative essay is a genre of writing that requires the author (you) to do the following:

- A. Investigate a topic
- B. Collect, generate, and evaluate evidence
- C. Establish a position on the topic in a concise manner.

The structure of an argumentative essay is as follows:

### **Paragraph One – Introductory Paragraph**

- The author should set the context by reviewing the topic in a general way.
- Next the author should explain why the topic is important or why readers should care about the issue.
- **A clear, concise, and defined thesis statement.** It is essential that this thesis statement addresses the statement that you are defending.
- A weak thesis statement will not be effective in persuading your reader and therefore will not receive a good grade.

### **Clear and logical transitions between the introduction, body, and conclusion.**

- Transitions are the key element in tying the essay together. A good essay follows a logical progression and allows the reader to understand the author's train of thought.
- Transitions should wrap up the idea from the previous section and introduce the idea that is to follow in the next section.

### **Body paragraphs that include evidential support (A minimum of three for this assignment)**

- Each body paragraph should be limited to the discussion of one general idea.
- This will allow for clarity and direction throughout the essay.
- It is important to note that each paragraph in the body of the essay must have some logical connection to the thesis statement in the opening paragraph.
- The paragraphs will directly support the thesis statement with evidence collected during research.
- You require specific evidence from the text, including quotes which are properly cited.

## **Concluding Paragraph**

- **A conclusion that does not simply restate the thesis, but readdresses it in light of the evidence provided.**
- These are the final thoughts you will leave with your reader. It must be effective and logical
- Restate the importance of the topic
- Review the main points and review your thesis

For more detailed information check out <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/685/05/>

## **Requirements**

- MLA Format
- 2-3 pages in length (500-750 words) in Times New Roman 12 Font
- When you hand in your assignment include your pre-writing
- You must have at LEAST one peer editor
- Staple all of your pre-writing & drafts together and hand them in on the due date
- Attach your copy of the rubric to final product

Possible Topics:

**A.) There are many factors that contributed to the tragedy of *Into Thin Air*, including but not limited to lapses in leadership, poor judgment, unpredictable nature, inexperience, and bad luck. Which do you think was the most important factor and why?**

**B.) Rob Hall is introduced as a great leader in the beginning of *Into Thin Air*. Do the events of the story reinforce that description or undermine it? Use specific examples to support your claim.**

**C- FOR) The tourism industry related to climbing Everest is beneficial to local people and the environment. Use specific examples to support your claim.**

**C- AGAINST) The tourism industry related to climbing Everest is detrimental to local people and the environment. Use specific examples to support your claim.**

**\*\*PLEASE COMPLETE THE ESSAY PLANNING GUIDE AND HAVE IT EVALUATED BEFORE YOU COMPLETE THE ESSAY- IT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR YOUR FINAL GRADE\*\***