

Unit 3: Argumentative Essay

An **Argumentative Essay** is a piece of writing that presents a belief, conclusion, or stance; supported with reasoning and evidence; used to change a reader's point of view or opinion or to bring about an action or a response from a reader. In other words, you are writing to convince someone to believe something or to do something.

Overview:

Throughout the unit, you will plan, draft, and revise your argumentative essay to complete a polished final draft for a portfolio submission at the end of this unit. Your assignment for this portfolio is to do the following: Write an argumentative essay in which you state and support a claim.

Use the outline on the message board to complete your essay.

Student Goals:

- I can write an organized Argumentative Essay
- I can support my claims with evidence and reasoning
- I can incorporate counter-evidence (what the opposite side thinks) into an Argumentative Essay
- I can cite information from an online source to support my ideas

Choose from the following lists of topics or come up with your own. I encourage you to WebMail me to ask about your topic idea if you are choosing your own.

Topic Ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How is bullying a problem and what are effective ways to stop it?• Do violent movies or TV shows have a negative effect on society?• Does social media (TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, etc.) have a positive or negative effect on society?• Should every student have to play a musical instrument?• Does how the media shows beauty have a negative effect on society?• What is an issue facing the environment and what can be done to help?• Do students have too much homework?• Should all students have to take summer school?• How late should 6th graders be allowed to stay up?