

# Toulmin Prompt and Outline

## Introduction

This section provides the essay prompt and outline for this unit. When taking notes, focus on what is being asked of each section. Be sure that you understand how many paragraphs are being asked at minimum per section.

## Instructions

**Prompt: Using three articles, make an argument on how films reflect society.**

Main issues that need to be discussed:

- Define argument of the three articles
- Make an argument on how films reflect society
- Give your own specific, personal examples that support this function using your own films and experiences
- Deal with possible responses to your argument

## Grade Distribution

**Invention** - Thesis quality; argument development; avoidance of fallacies; accuracy of information; discussion of main issues of topic [30]

**Arrangement** - Unity and focus of the essay; unity, focus, development, and coherence of each paragraph, proper introduction and conclusion [20]

**Style** - Correctness of sentences; clarity of prose; grammar; proper use of figures of speech (metaphor, simile, hyperbole, etc.); vocabulary level; cliché use [10]

**Authority** – Use of sources; quality and accuracy of sources; development of sources; direct or purposeful connection of the source with the main topic; proper citation (MLA) [30]

**Presentation** – Pages numbered; title quality; rubric name; date; 10-12 font Times New Roman; double spaced; aesthetics of format [10]

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## Essay Format

Note: each area labeled "Quote Development Format" or "General to Specific" should be its own paragraph. For this outline, a paragraph count guide is provided.

## I. Introduction (one paragraph)

- A. Claim
- B. Article 1 argument
- C. Article 2 argument
- D. Article 3 argument
- E. Summary of Grounds, Warrant, Backing, and Qualifier (can be multiple sentences if needed)

## II. Research (three paragraphs)

- A. Article 1 (QDF)
- B. Article 2 (QDF)
- C. Article 3 (QDF)

## III. Claim/Grounds/Warrant (three paragraphs)

- A. Claim: Thesis and general reasons why your thesis is true. (Paragraph)
- B. Grounds: At least two movie examples supporting your claim. (Paragraph)
- C. Warrant: Personal examples that connect with the movie examples. (Paragraph)

## IV. Backing (one paragraph)

- A. Address different questions related to your claim.
- B. Qualifier.
- C. Add limits or boundaries to your claim.

## VI. Rebuttal (one paragraph)

- A. Opposing views and response (same paragraph this time).

## VII. Conclusion (one paragraph)

- A. Repeat all important points

Works Cited page