

English 101
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Essay # 3: Argumentative Essay

DUE DATE: Wednesday, April 9

Each of us faces arguments and/or situations where we need to make a decision on a regular basis: Should I have coffee or tea? Should I buy an iPhone or Android? Mac or PC? Should I vacation at the beach or lake?

Whether you are aware of it or not, you make decisions based on “reasoned arguments” daily: Should I continue to search for a parking spot and be late to class or give up and skip class? Should I go hang out with friends or stay home and write my English 101 essay?

For this essay, you will choose a **localized** topic—one that pertains to you personally—and use reasoned arguments (“giving reasons rather than raising voices,” A/C 161) to support your argument. Not only will you need to present convincing reasons to support your position, but you will need to consider the “other” side of your argument (**counterargument**) by discussing and refuting the opposing side of your position.

Since you must write on a topic that relates to your life (an issue you have been faced with: To attend a Cal State or UC, to buy a parking pass at CSUF or not, to read the conservative *O.C. Register* or the liberal *LA* and *NY Times*, etc.), **you may NOT write on large controversial issues such as: abortion, gun control, animal rights, capital punishment, gay marriage, medical marijuana or anything else that is happening globally or nationally. Keep this essay localized.** Also, since we will be using a Facebook example in class, you may not use it as your topic.

Requirements:

- 4-6 pages (a minimum of 4 FULL pages) *one line min on 5th page.*
- A minimum of three sources: one personal and two secondary (books, credible websites, articles, etc.) *u can use I*
- A Works Cited page
- Maintain an academic tone (no contractions, no “you,” no slang, and minimal grammar mistakes such as fragments and run-ons)
- At least one counterargument