

Argument Essay Practice Assignment

This is your chance to practice writing an argument essay. Follow the directions below.

Write a well-organized argument essay on one of the topics below. Take a few minutes to brainstorm ideas for your essay before you begin writing. Then make an outline to organize your thoughts.

Remember to introduce your essay in an interesting way and to create a good thesis statement for your introduction. You should write three well-developed body paragraphs with clear topic sentences and transitions. In your conclusion, remember to restate some of the ideas you have presented in the body paragraphs.

Language Use

Also, use sentence variety, parallel structure, correct verb tense, and correct punctuation.

Format

Type your essay in a Word document. Use 12 point font, double spacing, and 1-inch margins. Put the title in the center of the first line.

Choose ONE of the following topics for your essay.

1. Some people believe computer and video games are harmful to children, while others disagree. What do you think? Take a position and defend it.
2. Some very successful people, such as Steve Jobs, have never gone to college. Which is more beneficial: The school of “life” and learning through experience, or “academic” learning from books and professors? What do you think? Take a position and defend it.
3. Some people think that physical punishment, such as spanking, harms children. Others believe it is beneficial for teaching. What do you think? Take a position and defend it.

Use all of the tools you have learned about making good writing. Make this your best essay yet!