

Argument Writing

Complete Unit
No Prep
Grades 6-10



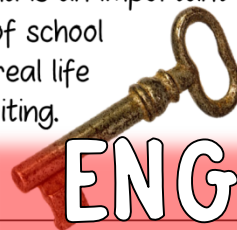
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Thorough STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS & 3 WAYS TO USE THIS AWESOME Digital Unit!

Why is **argumentative** writing important?
Learning how to write an effective argument is key to learning critical thinking skills and is an important part of school and real life writing.



ENGAGING

Issue

A topic from society that people have different opinions about.



SLIDE-SHOW

Audience

It all starts by knowing the audience.
Who will be affected by the argument issue?

Who will read the essay?

Meet...

The Kid who Wants to Go to a Party



Meet...

The Strict Mom who likes to say, "No."



Introduction: Lead

Surprising **Statistic** or **Fact**



Experts say that during the summer, students lose approximately 22 percent of what they learned during the school year.

COOL!

Be respectful of those who **disagree** with your position.

Ex. Opponents might argue that students need a long summer break.



Not!

Don't **insult** those who disagree.

Ex. Only an idiot would say that students don't need a long summer break.



What makes this one better than this?

ANIMATED

Thesis Statement/Claim. Explain the Reasons People Should Consider Your Position on the Argument

I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR YOUR EVIDENCE, Bucko!



I did a lot of research, so I'm prepared to tell you. But my name's not Bucko.



Choosing a Topic Choosing a topic can be difficult. When you begin considering a topic, remember that it is the topic that is important, not the claim. Your position on the claim can come later, after you do some research. So begin thinking about possible issues by answering these questions.



Current Controversial Topics: People sometimes have strong feelings about topics currently in the news.

Have you recently heard something in the news that you strongly agreed or disagreed with? Explain.

Have you ever argued with someone about a controversial topic?

FINDING A TOPIC + WRITING

Which school related issue(s) do you feel strongly about? Why?

Now choose a topic from the answers you wrote above. Write the topic and the controversy.

Topic: _____ **Controversy:** _____

Wondering About?

What are you curious to learn about?

Are there any controversies?

Now choose a topic from the answers you wrote above. Write the topic and the controversy.

Topic: _____ **Controversy:** _____

Student Checklist				
Criteria	Absolutely	Mostly	Partly	Not at all
Introduction				
Have you provided an interesting hook?				
Have you given background information?				
Have you stated a claim in the thesis statement?				
Body Paragraphs				
Have you used statistics or facts to provide evidence?				
Have you explained by using a bridge?				
Have you included a counterargument and a turn-back?				
Have you restated the claim, summarized, and restated the claim?				
Conclusion				
Have you organized the response and used transitions to enhance meaning?				
Have you written for your audience?				
Mechanics:				
Have you reviewed for grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization errors?				

Organization & Planning

CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH

HOOK

INTRODUCE THE ISSUE

STATE THE CLAIM

TURN-BACK

COUNTERARGUMENT

TURN-BACK

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INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH

HOOK

INTRODUCE THE ISSUE

STATE THE CLAIM

TURN-BACK

COUNTERARGUMENT

TURN-BACK

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1ST BODY PARAGRAPH

TOPIC SENTENCE: REASON

EVIDENCE

BRIDGE

EVIDENCE

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2ND BODY PARAGRAPH

TOPIC SENTENCE: REASON

EVIDENCE

BRIDGE

EVIDENCE

BRIDGE

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

RUBRIC + ANSWER KEYS

And So Much More!