
Journal #10

I have very bad memory in terms of essays because there are so many, but I know for sure that last year I wrote an argumentative paper on digital books vs paper books as a learning resource in education. I think that was the only argumentative paper I did last year because other than that, I mostly did literary analyses. I also don't remember any tips, but we were given an outline for how to structure our paper; like having a topic sentence, background of quote and quote, explanation, etc.. I think we talked about writing a thesis, having a hook, and leaving the reader with a strong impression or some call for action. Even though I don't remember much, I feel pretty okay when it comes to argumentative papers because I am kind of familiar with it. Plus, being able to choose your topic and position makes it easier somewhat.

Journal #11

1. An explicit argument is one that directly states the claim and also has the claim and evidence stated clearly, while an implicit argument often takes the form of visuals that aim to persuade their audience to feel a certain way and take a stance. The example of an implicit argument in the reading would be the photograph of a baby that is trying to argue against the use of phthalates in baby toys and that is calling parents to take action about it. On the other hand, the letter written by Dr. Sullivan to the governor of California also makes a similar argument but takes the form of writing, making it explicit.
2. Having a website that is accessible for the visually impaired is beneficial over the long term.
3. Accessible websites can be beneficial to you or your company economically.
4. The visually impaired are significant audiences for websites.
5. Using websites that don't accommodate for various visual impairities can make web browsing extremely difficult for those with disabilities.
6. The web is an important tool for visually impaired users in their daily lives and can significantly improve their lifestyle if accessible.
7. Using alt texts for visuals can significantly improve web experience and reduce confusion.
8. Accessible websites not only benefit visually impaired users

Journal #12

So far I kind of haven't done much for my argument paper, but I am sure that I will need more articles to support my argument or look at more evidence. I will likely keep most of my sources but if I did remove one it would be "An empirical investigation into the difficulties experienced by visually impaired users". Other than that, the rest have a lot of good information that I could use. I want to find another scholarly article but, from my search for the last assignment, many had different scopes of research and were either too broad or too narrow.

Journal #13

I haven't really started writing my paper yet, but so far, just from brainstorming, I feel like I have some solid points and the evidence to back it up. One thing I should do is go back into my sources and find where the actual quotes and evidence is. My plan of action is just to start working on it the week before or a few days before. I feel like having enough time and not too much time helps me pace myself and puts a little more pressure on me to write it well. Right now, I am mostly just getting ready for a presentation in Race & Gender and my Senior Presentation. At the same time, I have to prepare for the AP Environmental Science test and two Calculus tests.

I think that the counter-argument that I would be able to refute the best is that accessible websites may require more money to thoughtfully design and to make fully accessible, but also most companies do not want to deal with the extra labor that comes with constantly updating their websites while keeping it accessible. So far I am pretty sure I read this somewhere in my sources, but I would have to go back and find the exact quote. If not, I will just search for another source that mentions this. This argument counters my argument that accessible web design also benefits the non-visually impaired and companies because it is arguing that the costs of implementing accessible design for companies would not be profitable due to the costs. To refute this, I will talk about how in the long-term companies will have a larger audience and users will come back more often if they like the design.

Journal #14

Hopefully I won't have to write a ton in the future because one of the reasons I am going into STEM is to avoid writing, but I am pretty sure that at least one writing class is mandatory and writing is probably still used in STEM careers. Writing is everywhere so I can't really avoid it. I doubt I will ever write for fun because creative writing or writing journals just isn't my thing. I would expect myself to write things like lab reports, a paper outlining the steps I used to make something, or job-related cover letters and reports—so scientific writing or business writing.

I have small goals that I have. I want to finish reading all my unread books so I can buy more, I want to get better at my game so I don't die early and embarrass myself, I want to try more diverse restaurants around the Salt Lake Valley instead of just Rancheritos (but Rancheritos is yummy), and blah blah blah. But if I were to have one goal, I want to get a good job that doesn't give me constant anxiety so that I can have money to meet all my mini goals and to be able to pay for myself and travel.

Journal #15

I think that some of the best ways to lessen the impact on the environment is to reuse and repurpose clothes instead of throwing them away; so donating clothes that you don't wear anymore or purchasing clothes from thrift stores. This could significantly lessen the impact on the environment because instead of going through an infinite loop of buy new clothes and throw away, other people will have the opportunity to utilize what would otherwise be left in landfills, and at an affordable price. This could lead to reduced demands for the manufacturing of new clothing, so less materials and energy would be needed to clothe the population. Other than that, avoiding companies that aren't sustainable or that use unethical methods and underpay workers would help relieve environmental consequences. I honestly don't think that much legal action will be taken to regulate the fashion industry, but I notice how companies are now becoming aware of the fact that more people are concerned about where the clothes they buy come from, what materials it was made from, or how they treat their workers. Thus, I think there is greater social pressure on the fashion industry to meet these ethical standards and to be transparent about their process.

Journal #16

I think the presentation that has been the most helpful and interesting was the one on logical fallacies. It was a topic that I hadn't really heard of before, but that I could think of examples of when they could be used or when I used it. Compared to the other topics like journalism, argumentative writing, or poems, which most of us have heard of or done before, logical fallacies were something that we have done before but haven't really heard of, at least for me. I liked that the slides weren't too cluttered and that we were given examples of when this logical fallacy was used. Plus, the activity was pretty fun. I think that just logical fallacies in general are something that are interesting because they aren't really a separate genre of writing, but some argument techniques that aren't really valid. Whether I remember all the points or not, I do feel more conscious of the arguments I make.

Journal #17

- It sounds relaxing but at the same time unsettling. Something that would be in a dystopian movie. I think that's flute. I like flute. This part sounds like it could be in a Ghibli movie. Kind of feels like it could give me anxiety.
- Taylor Swift song? Nevermind. I think I have heard this before. Maybe in one of those 2009 youtube videos of a wedding. Very repetitive.
- Jazzy. I like it a lot. The bass is slapping, literally. I also like guitar. I like this slow part even better, nice transition. Organ? Kinda weird.
- Very beautiful playing. I don't know what to say. Relaxing but the violin can get too high and I don't like that. Sounds like a chinese drama OST.
- Very video game-y music. Kind of has that funk and pop vibe. Lots of synth. Would be in some sci-fi game or movie.
- *Us* movie soundtrack. I used to have this track as my alarm. I very much liked the movie. Ah, where is the scary climax, it's my favorite, gives everyone anxiety. Reminds me of the good old days. If I didn't know it was from the movie, I would think that it was from a horror game I play.
- I picture something being chased. Fantasy vibes. Now it's hiding. Running again. Yeah, just a bunch of running then hiding, falling and rising.
- I don't really know what to say. Pixel-sounding music I guess. It doesn't make me really feel anything, I kind of dislike it. Now there is something at the end, but it faded away fast. Bummer. boop-beep-boop.