

Instructions for Writing an Argumentative Essay:

1. Understanding the Assignment

- Choose one of the topics from the case studies in Units 7-12 of *Communication Lab* by Femke Cornette.
- Your essay should be **250-500 words** long, making it concise yet effective.
- Ensure that your topic is one that can spark debate and discussion, presenting two sides of an argument.

2. Structure of the Essay An argumentative essay typically follows this structure:

Introduction

- **Hook:** Start with an attention-grabbing sentence (e.g., a quote, question, or fact).
- **Background:** Briefly introduce the issue or topic you are addressing.
- **Thesis Statement:** Clearly state your position on the topic. This is the main argument you will defend throughout your essay.

Body Paragraphs

- Each paragraph should focus on a single point supporting your argument.

Paragraph 1: Present your first main argument

- Provide evidence or examples from the case study or other sources to back up your claim.
- Explain how this point supports your thesis.

Paragraph 2: Acknowledge the opposing argument

- Briefly mention a counterargument (the other side of the debate).
- Refute the opposing argument by explaining why your position is stronger or more valid.

Paragraph 3: Provide a second supporting argument

- Offer further evidence or examples to strengthen your case.

Conclusion

- Restate your thesis in light of the arguments you presented.
- Summarize the key points made.
- Offer a final thought or call to action, emphasizing why your position is important.

3. Tips for Success

- **Stay on Topic:** Be focused on your chosen case study from Units 7-12.
- **Use Credible Sources:** Support your argument with evidence from the textbook and relevant research **not A.I.**