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Writing Exercise #11: “Inventing Four Aspects of My Local Argument”

There’s no need to type this journal entry; just record your ideas in pen or pencil below each question. If you need more room, use the back or another sheet of paper.

Situation: Write your situation statement here.

For the following, you don’t need to write in complete sentences, but try to invent as many ideas as possible.

1. Contextual: What do you know about your audience (values, hobbies, fears, concerns, goals, attitudes toward topic, etc.)?

2. Goal-Directed: What do you hope to accomplish? Think in terms of “frames of mind,” not just your ultimate goal.

3. Supported: What are your experiences? Your reasons? Benefits to your perspective, stance?

4. Multi-Sided: What are drawbacks to your position? What about weakness to your argument? Strengths on the “other side”?