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Argumentative Paragraph

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Argumentative Paragraph Writing

- Writing an **argumentative paragraph**, alternatively, sometimes, called a **persuasive paragraph**, is something that students at the dept. of Eng. need to master.
- In this type of paragraph you're **arguing for, or trying to persuade your audience of** a specific point of view. This might **not** be a point of view that you **believe in** or **agree with**, but in an argumentative paragraph you still need to write about it.

The Style of an Argumentative Paragraph

- To convince your audience that you're right you'll need to provide supporting points, information and referenced sources.
- This is where you'll really convince your audience you're right.
- **Don't leave them in any doubt that your point of view is correct, give them the evidence to prove it.**
- A paragraph shouldn't be overlong so try to fit as much information into as small a space as possible.
- End the paragraph by restating the main point and highlighting why your point of view is the best and correct one.

What's an Argumentative Paragraph?

- An argumentative paragraph will be built around one main idea.
- But the main idea will be your argument or your side of the argument.
- The paragraph will just include one view point that you're arguing for.
- This type of paragraph isn't balanced. It's just one side of the information.
- In this type of paragraph you aren't providing for and against arguments. It's either for or against.
- You don't have to support the idea in a persuasive paragraph; just try to get other people to believe that you're right.

Structure of an Argumentative Paragraph

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- The basic and most simple outline is similar to the basic paragraph structure:
 - Introduce the main idea in the first topic sentence.
 - Support the main idea in the following sentences (2-5 sentences possibly).
 - Draw your conclusion while restating the main idea in the last sentence.

How to Write an argumentative Paragraph

- Writing an argumentative paragraph is just like any other writings. You just need to follow the writing process and plan before you start to write.
- Take the time to plan, think about the vocabulary you might need and any grammar rules before you start to write, and the writing part will be much smoother.
- Once you've finished writing your paragraph you'll need to do the proofreading to make sure that there aren't any mistakes.

Example

There are many reasons why I don't smoke. First, smoking is unhealthy. It can cause lung cancer, and it can lead to an early death. Furthermore, smoking is expensive. A pack of cigarettes costs five dollars. If I bought one pack of cigarettes every day, I would spend over \$1500 each year. Lastly, cigarettes smell bad. When people smoke, you can smell the cigarettes on their clothes all day. To sum up, I don't smoke because it is unhealthy, expensive, and unattractive.

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