

AIR ELAI: Unit 6

Argumentative Essays

- When you write an **argumentative essay**, you develop an _____ - just like the one we studied in the previous unit.
 - Your goal is to _____ someone to think the way you do.
- An **argumentative** text is a writing piece meant to _____ someone to think the way the author does.
- A **claim** is an _____ statement—an idea that the author asks an audience to _____.
- In an argumentative text, the **claim** is the _____.
- In your **argumentative essay**, the claim will be your _____.
- A **thesis** is a statement of your _____.
- **Reasons** are more specific _____ that support the overall claim.

- **Evidence** is a series _____, examples, _____, and quotes that support the reasons and ultimately the claim.
- Your **reasons** will become the _____ for your body paragraphs.
- Your **evidence** will come directly from the _____ you are assigned to read in the form of **explicit textual evidence** (direct quotes or paraphrases).
- A good argument includes information about the **opposing argument**, in which an author _____ that there is a view different from his or her own.
- However, the author will then provide a strong **rebuttal**, or counterargument, to _____ it, effectively _____ it with support for his or her own claim.
- A **complex sentence** is a sentence that contains one _____ clause and one or more _____ clauses.
- A **compound-complex sentence** contains _____ or more independent clauses and _____ or more dependent clauses.