

Critical Argument Essay

Position/Purpose ~ *Select one from the following topics:*

- A. How social networking effects teenagers (cause/effect)
- B. Why kids turn to drug use (cause/effect)
- C. How schools should prevent bullying (problem/solution)
- D. How the U.S. recession/economy effects college education (cause/effect)

Format

1. Read the attached articles to become informed on your topic. This is not a research paper, so no information should be copied from these articles.
2. Determine 3 main points (reasons why) for your position.
3. For each main point, develop supporting evidence by using (1) **detail, fact, and example**—for a minimum of 3 pieces of evidence per body paragraph.
4. For each piece of evidence, provide your critical commentary (critical analysis). Explain how this evidence supports your claim—use compelling argumentation.
5. Write a strong topic sentence for each main point and connect to your purpose.
6. Develop your comprehensive thesis statement. This should be the last sentence of the introduction.
7. Use the outline to formulate ideas and guide the writing process. Essays should be **2-3 pages in length**.