

Argument Proposal

Now that you have listened carefully to the conversation about social networking sites, it is time to add your voice to it. This assignment asks you to choose and refine a relevant question-at-issue, investigate it and its context further, and propose an argument that responds to it. You will present your current understanding of the issue and your plans for investigating it in a *proposal*.

Purpose: To reflect on what you know now about your question as well as how you plan to gather more information for an argument, and then to communicate that to your instructor.

Audience: Yourself and your instructor.

Requirements: Write **thorough** paragraphs that answer **each** prompt in its entirety, giving specific examples and well-developed analysis as support. (Some questions will obviously require shorter answers.)

Proposal Prompts:

The Focused Topic: What is the claim you are working with right now?

Your Engagement with the Topic: Why are you interested in discussing this issue? Why did you choose the stance that you did on this issue?

Audience: Who *specifically* needs to hear this argument? Why them?

Significance: Why does this argument need to be written? What will it contribute to the conversation? What do you want this argument to *do*?

Stakeholders in this Issue: What people and groups are interested in or affected by this issue?

Views on this Argument: What has your research revealed so far that might support an argument shaped by the tentative claim above? What information supports a contrasting or alternative view?

1. Summarize and write the “Support” for your stance and then summarize the “Alternative Viewpoints” that you have researched, focusing on your specific claim. You must have more than your side to show that your claim is part of a *debate*.
2. Include MLA citations for your sources from the “Support” and “Alternative Viewpoint” arguments.

Remaining Research: Where do you need more support, information, and examples?

Details:

Citations: Use MLA documentation (required for “Support for this Argument” section).

Format: Use the prompts as subheadings in bold type. Double-space the document. Use Times New Roman, 12 pt. font

Due: Thursday, March 17th.