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Writing an Argumentative Essay, p. 83-84

On a separate sheet of paper, complete the following outline to help you begin your rough draft of the embedded assessment essay. After completing the outline, begin writing your rough draft.

Writing prompt: Write an essay of argumentation about **the value of a college education**. Your essay must be organized as an argument in which you assert a precise claim, support it with reasons and evidence, and acknowledge and refute counterclaims fairly.

INTRODUCTION / CLAIM:

- How will you hook your reader to keep them interested?
- What problems exist in society that have created the need for you to state your claim?
- Claim: What IS the value of education, for example is it that you will earn more money, make new friends, or have more specialized knowledge? Should your reader go to college or not?
- Who is your audience and what background knowledge do they need to understand your argument?

Reason #1 and Evidence –

- Reason why your claim is valid:
- Evidence supporting your reason:
- Commentary: How does your evidence connect/support/relate to your claim?

Reason #2 and Evidence:

- Reason why your claim is valid:
- Evidence supporting your reason:
- Commentary: How does your evidence connect/support/relate to your claim?

COUNTERCLAIM / REFUTATION:

- Where will you put your counterclaim? Will it be in a previous paragraph? In a paragraph by itself?
- What is the **opposing argument (counterclaim)** to your claim?
- What evidence would they use to support the counterclaim?
- Why is your argument superior and what evidence do you have as support?

CONCLUSION / CALL TO ACTION:

- Which of your main points should you **reflect** on and **summarize** to leave your reader with a positive view of your argument?
- Tell your reader what you want them to do or to believe. (**Call to action**)

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SpringBoard sources you can and SHOULD use to find reasons, evidence, and counterclaims:

p. 41	"WMDs"
p. 46	"Chuck Liddell" interview transcript
p. 58	"Five Ways Ed Pays" (You can also view the video or PDF on the Google Classroom)
p. 61	Analogies
p. 63	"New school year, old story: Education pays"
p. 67	"Remarks by the President in a national address to America's schoolchildren"
p. 75	"An Early Start on College"
Video	Mike Rowe, "Skills Gap" (you can view the video and notes on the Google Classroom*)
Video	Suli Breaks, "Why I Hate School, but Love Education" (you can view the video and
notes	on the Google Classroom*)
p. 78	"Why College Isn't for Everyone"
p. 79	"Actually, College is Very Much Worth It"

*Videos and notes are also available on my BHS website at: <http://bremertonschools.schoolwires.net/Domain/221>