

# Critical and Creative Thinking

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**Abstract:** Different styles of argumentation require different methods of writing and proving claims. Academic argumentation requires the author to provide strong evidence to support their claim on any subject. In doing so the author has to find, understand and decide which evidence to use. Other forms of argumentation are toulmin, debate, Rogerian, satire and persuasive. In debate form of argumentation the author must take a stand if they are for and against the claim. They must also prepare strong arguments for counterclaims and need to finish the debate with a strong and impactful conclusion. In Toulmin argumentative essay the author needs to provide evidence to state their claim with the help of data and numerical statistics. In Rogerian argumentative essay, the author needs to find the strengths and weakness for the claim, for this argumentation the conclusion asks for a change or action. In persuasive essay, the author needs to persuade the readers for a change or new idea. In order to do so the author needs to present strong arguments and make impactful conclusion. In satire argumentative essay, the author takes up a claim and tries to make argument with the help of satire. For this reason the essay has an ironical tone underlying its arguments. One of the biggest issues that have been identified over time is the acceptance of humanities as a concept. Even though it is common knowledge that humanities forms the basis of most cultures. Humanities have however become one of the underrated issues in the new era or generation, where money, status and wealth is given more importance. Even though there are talks about how culturally aware the new generation is, it does not surpass the importance of making money. Nowadays it seems that education, art, religion and culture as well have taken a second seat when it comes to money. This has not only led to conflicts and debates but has also created disinterest and unrest among people.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

In many ways academic writing can be considered similar to other forms of argumentative writing. In all forms of argumentative writing there are claims and counterclaims, reasoning and drawing conclusion involved. However there are clear differences that can be used to distinguish academic argumentation and other popular forms of argumentation.

There has been an ongoing crisis for humanities. Humanists have proclaimed this crisis for a very long time now. This has been evident to them from a number of factors such as decreasing job opportunities in their own field, lack of respect given by others and more. Why is this happening? The answer is simple. People prefer money over everything else. Money is seen as the provider of livelihood and comfort so much that people are failing to recognize that there are factors other than money that can help them lead a better life. Humanities courses are being neglected. Not much value is given to humanists than what is given to scientists (Orzel, 2010). It must be noted that students of humanities tend to gain success not only at work but also in life, they are taught variety of skills which students of other courses are not taught (Spacks, 2001).

## II. ARGUMENTATION METHODS- THE GOOD, BETTER, BEST

Argumentation essays are essays that need to be clear and precise in their wordings. For the purpose of conveying a message directly to their readers, different types of argumentation need to be well researched with strong supporting evidence.

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There are many different types of argumentation, in academic argumentation authors try to give or provide defense to a non-obvious claim. An academic argumentation is an author's position on a particular topic. An academic argumentation is based on facts that are accurate and factual. One must be careful about the different types of sentiments of the readers while writing the academic argumentation, if the essay hurts the views of any community it can become a negative point for the author, the readers might think the author is prejudiced. Academic argumentation are not forms of writing that start conflicts or fights.

In academic argumentation you need to follow certain steps to produce a strong argument. You need to firstly understand the argument, decide your view or position on the argument, find evidence that will support your position, check whether the evidence is strong or weak, if the evidence is weak then find stronger evidence as weak evidence give way to weak argument. Develop your argument in your own words, conclude with strong claim or saying that will stick with readers after reading the argument.

Other forms of popular argumentation are debate, Rogerian essay, satire, persuasive, toulmin and more (Types of Argument Essays, n.d.).

In debate form of argumentation, the author has to choose one side of a topic, the author can be for or against the topic. For this argument the author has to not only develop a strong argument with evidence but also prepare for the counterarguments that may arise. In debate the author needs to make a strong conclusion in order to create influence (Types of Argument Essays, n.d.).

In Toulmin essay the author needs to prove a claim. In this type of argumentation the author has to identify as well as address rebuttals that may arise from their claim. The author has to collect data both qualitative and quantitative to make their arguments stronger. In Rogerian argumentative essay, the author must identify the strengths and weakness of the claim or issue, they also must study it in order to conclude with a call for action (Norquist, 2018).

In persuasive essay, the author has to persuade the readers with strong arguments. In order to do so well researched evidence which has the ability to change the opinion of readers must be used. In a satire the arguments are presented in an ironical tone which makes it more interesting for the readers (Persuasive or argumentative essays, n.d.)

### **III. HUMANITIES CRISIS- THEN AND NOW**

Not much money is invested in the course, they are hardly given new technological equipment's, and they tend to use the library. More priority must be provided to people and students in this category of study. Humanities are a huge field and many job opportunities can be created for people. Humanities are usually for people who are pursuing a second major and looking to fill top level management jobs. Even though there are many arguments for humanities and how it is important it is still not gaining attention and change that is required for it. It can be considered that humanists help in the building of humanity through their way of thinking (Smith, 2014). Even though most of the time it is not direct and takes time, it can be a useful tool for those who need to develop not only their careers but also want to do something in life. Some people argue that most of the ongoing global problems cannot be solved with the help of humanities. The reason behind such a claim is that all such problems are complex in nature and need expertise which cannot be attained by humanists (GLOBAL PROBLEMSCAN'T BE RESOLVED WITHOUT A HUMANITIES PERSPECTIVE, n.d.).

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

In other words academic argumentative is similar to other forms of argumentative essays, in sense that they use the same methods to create claim, prepare strong arguments, find evidence related to the claim and make powerful claims. Every university is different in the sense that not all of them share the same view on this issue. In many universities priority is given to humanities and majors are developed in a way that humanities get the attention they require. Students of such course are recommended to take courses which will help them attain success. For this generation humanities seems like an option which is preferred by students and their parents for the reason that they have come to understand the need of things beyond of just earning money. Graduating with humanities seems more preferable than it was before for every company is now investing to understand not only the market but also their employees.

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