

**ENG201**  
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**Writing Assignment #2**

For your second writing assignment, you will be writing a classical argument using the Toulmin System to develop your argument. In short, the theory of classical argument believes that all assertions and assumptions are contestable by 'opposing counsel' and that all final 'verdicts' about the persuasiveness of the opposing arguments will be rendered by a neutral third party, a judge or jury. What this means is that any claim in support of your argument (provided by your research), should also be countered with evidence (also provided by your research) in opposition of your claim. The neutral third party who will determine the verdict of "persuasiveness" will be your reader; in this case, your instructor. Through the framework of the Toulmin System, the writer is required to determine the position they will take on the argument provided. They will either agree with the evidence in support of the argument, or they will agree with the evidence in opposition to the argument. You must have a position on the argument that you are researching, but you must also present an opposing viewpoint so that the reader hears "both sides of the story."

The process of this paper will be taken in three steps. The first step in this process is to develop a Toulmin Schema which includes:

- An Original Enthymeme
- A Claim
- A Stated Reason
- Grounds
- Warrant
- Backing
- Conditions of Rebuttal

The process of developing your Toulmin Schema will take several steps; however, a final version will be handed in with the final draft of your paper.

The second step of this paper will be to determine the "type" of argument that you will be focusing on. You will need to determine, according to the position that you will be taking on the assigned topic, whether your argument will be one or more of the following "types."

- Definitional Argument
- Cause/Consequence Argument
- Resemblance Argument
- Evaluation and Ethical Argument
- Proposal Argument

Keep in mind that you will be using more than one of these "types" for an overall position. You will be required to hand in, along with your final draft, a one-paragraph statement outlining the criteria that has determined your choice for a specific argument type(s).

Finally, you will have the opportunity to hand in a rough draft for your instructor to look over before you hand in a final copy. This will provide you with revision strategies concerning format, research, claim, conditions of rebuttal, or any areas of concern on the students' behalf. After you hand in your rough draft, you will have one week to revise it and hand in the required materials that will accompany your final copy. The final package for this paper will include the following:

- A completed Toulmin Schema
- A completed Prospectus
- A one page statement outlining the criteria that has determined the "type(s)" of your argument.
- A final copy of your argument which will be five (5) to seven (7) pages in length, and will follow the guidelines of the MLA format including a title page, in-text citation, and a works cited page
- Hard copies of **ALL** sources that you have used in your paper, highlighting the sections that you have cited in your text.