

Argument of Fact Common Questions

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<u>Definition:</u> An evaluation essay calls for you to evaluate something of your choice. This could be a movie, restaurant, amazon item, or anything that you could critique. This is written in the style of a Toulmin argument.

Common Questions:

Question: What do I write about?

Answer: The argument of fact essays calls for you to address a misconception. There is a research question, a commonly perceived answer, and the actual answer based on research.

Question: How do I start?

Answer: Describe the topic. If it is about people with OCD, then describe what that is and what it normally looks like. Tell us everything we need to know in order to understand your topic.

Question: How do I end it?

Answer: A good way to end is by reviewing your main points. Finally, reassert your claim that your answer to the research question is the correct answer.

Question: What is a misconception?

Answer: This is something that the majority of people believe, but it is false. For example, when asked what falls faster - a bowling ball or a feather, many would say the bowling ball. However, they actually fall at the same speed.



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Question: What is evidence?

Answer: This is what you will use to directly support your claim. It is important for your evidence that you cite and quotes you may use in APA or MLA format.

Question: How do I pick a topic?

Answer: Think of something that you are constantly correcting people on, or perhaps something that is a surprising or fun fact that no one would be able to guess. Also consider sayings and phrases that are accepted as true, but no one has taken the time to gather evidence to see if it is true.

Question: What if my essay isn't long enough?

Answer: Quotes, examples, reasons - oh my! Check to make sure that you clearly explain your reasoning for your answer to the research question. If you have and it still isn't long enough, try adding some quotes and examples to further illustrate your main points.