



Argument of Fact Guide

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Definition: 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.

The Question: At the end of your introduction, you must include a research question. This question addresses a common misconception.

Examples:

- Are people with OCD just obsessed with cleanliness?
- Is a vegan diet healthier than other kinds of diets?
- Is someone's ACT or SAT score a very good predictors of college success?

The Misconception: You need to explain what the majority of people generally believe about this question. Address the popular opinion. Fully and thoroughly explain it:

What would most people say is the answer to your research question? (Must be different than your answer)

The Real Answer: Once you have acknowledged the misconception, you'll provide a delayed thesis statement, asserting what the correct answer is.

Delayed Thesis: What is the answer to your question in one clear statement?



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Explain: Provide evidence to support your thesis and fully explain it.

Evidence: This is what you will use to directly support your claim. It is important for your evidence that you cite any quotes you may use in APA or MLA format. Here are some quick examples:

APA:

According to Hackney (2023), “The nursing program at OSU-OKC is one of a kind” (p. 42).

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MLA:

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