

## Evidence and Argument Essay

You are responsible for extracting and analyzing evidence from the evidence guides you completed in LTCY 199. The analysis of that evidence will yield an argument.

**Directions:** In one well-constructed paragraph, you will articulate a logical and supported (with evidence) argument.

Your argument paragraph should include the following:

- A single focused paragraph making a cohesive and supported point
- Three sources supporting the point including at least **one source citations of *Study Like a Champ***, plus **two additional academic, peer-reviewed sources from WKU Library databases** that you found on your own
- APA 7 style format and bias-free language (format must include cover page, double spaced, 12-pt font, in-text citations, and page numbering)
- APA 7 style references page including all three sources

Please see the rubric for a detailed breakdown of how the points are distributed for this assignment.



### Helpful Academic Writing Tips

- **Watch for Plagiarism:** it can even happen accidentally, especially with paraphrasing. Check on the plagiarism checker. See your professor or the Writing Center for help before you submit the paper
- **Avoid Abbreviated and Colloquial Writing:** This means avoiding contractions (e.g., won't), texting acronyms, colloquialisms (e.g., "right off the bat," "head over heels"), commonly misspelled words (e.g., gonna), and phrasal verbs (e.g., turn in).
- **Avoid Direct Quotations:** there is nothing wrong with direct quoting, but it is not allowed in a paper that is only ONE paragraph long. Put your direct quotations that you want to use in your own words and make sure you still cite them.
- **Avoid Second Person:** You. Most professors dissuade students from using first person (I/we), as well.
- **Focus on Argument, not Persuasion:** This is not a persuasive essay; this is argumentative writing. You are not trying to get me to accept your side with anything other than **evidence**. No calls to logic, no appeals to emotion, just straight facts supported with evidence.
- **Avoid Writing a Report:** To only use one source is to make a report, not an argument.
- **Remember:** A paragraph is a unit of written communication that is focused on one topic that is communicated to the reader through a topic sentence that outlines the focus.