

## Writing Project Two: Participation in Argumentation on the Internet

There is a lot of argument on the Internet. Some of it is well done and some of it is not. This is your chance to participate with the skills you have gained in this course.

First, as in WP1, you need to choose your issue in public controversy. You need to also locate a forum on the Internet where this controversy is being discussed publicly and in a responsible manner. You want to engage with informed argument. This can be on social media, on a blog, on a response to news item or online article, or wherever you find relevant and meaningful argument. However, you are posting a well-researched argument appropriate for the online space. It may be a tweet or a blog post or a response to an article. Be responsible.

You must write a longer, scholarly version of this argument, then distill it down to a length appropriate for your website. You should turn in both versions. *You will be posting this argument and following its response in your journal.* It is up to you whether you choose to engage in follow-up argument.

As with the first project, your written argument must reflect your employment of the rhetorical strategies and types of argument that we have studied and discuss in the textbook and course.

### Evaluative Criteria:

- Submission should be a scholarly research paper of 5 pages in MLA or APA format, accompanied by a Works Cited page and evidence of your published online argument. (A hyperlink will suffice.)
- Choice of web forum will be evaluated. How relevant, timely, and appropriate is this forum for the issue in controversy you have chosen?
- Successful papers will reflect the tone appropriate for the genre of the writing and audience of their chosen forum.
- Successful use of course content should be visible, including rigorous rhetorical analysis (including constructed visual argument if you so choose) and employment of types of argument with use of credible evidence as support for your claims.

**Final Draft Due:** Monday, October 27, at 11:59 p.m.