

## Writing an Argumentative Essay

To some extent all of the writing that you do presents some type of argument. However, thesis-driven essays, which the majority of college essays are, have very specific guidelines for presenting arguments. All of the writing that we will be doing for the rest of the semester will be thesis-driven and will involve the presentation of some type of argument.

The goal of any argument, argumentative essay, or thesis-driven essay is to convince the reader that you are correct. This requires a strong initial claim supported by well-reasoned evidence that is hard to argue against.

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