

# Argumentative PowerPoint Project

You and a partner will be constructing an argumentative PowerPoint. Remember that in order to construct an argument you must include context, position, claims, and refutations to counterclaims.

Prior to beginning this PowerPoint, you and your partner must complete the following steps.

**Step One:** Decide on a position—one position for both of you. The presentation must be unified—even if your position is not all positive or negative. Both people must agree on this.

**Step Two:** Create a thesis statement. To refresh your memory, a thesis states your position on an issue and often includes your main claim. It should be clearly stated and often contains emphatic language such as should, ought, or must.

Sample Argumentative Thesis

The production, sale, and possession of assault weapons for private citizens should be banned in the U.S.

Thesis Statement

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**Step Three:** Divide the evaluation of the resources on swicks.weebly.com on the English II tab's Writing section. Open the "Research/Evidence-Based Claims Assignment." Under "Texts," you will find the resources that are available to you. All of these must be evaluated before you use them in your projects.

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**Step Four:** To evaluate these websites and to gather necessary information, you will be required to fill out a “Web Source Evaluation and Information Guide” for each of your assigned texts. You will find this document on swicks.weebly.com on the English II tab’s Writing section. Open the “Research/Evidence-Based Claims Assignment,” and you will find it under “Assignments.”

**Step Five:** Plan your argument. You and your partner must now discuss the websites you have evaluated. Decide which ones are quality sources of information and which ones you do not wish to use. Also decide which claims you will be using based on the information you obtained for the “Web Source Evaluation and Information Guide.”

**Requirements:**

- You must make one claim based on data from your personal media use logs.
  - You must use that data to prove your claim.
- You must use 4 sources from swicks.weebly.com.
- You must make 3 claims and 1 counterclaim based on your research and your partner must make 3 claims and 1 counterclaim. (Select your best research and your thesis should prove these claims. Remember you must refute counterclaims.)
- You may use additional resources—even some you have researched on your own.

**Step Six:** Plan your PowerPoint. Again go to swicks.weebly.com on the English II tab’s Writing section. Open the “Research/Evidence-Based Claims Assignment.” Under “Assignments,” you will find the “Argumentative PowerPoint Planning Guide.” Use this to plan your presentation’s slides. Remember for reference you can utilize the “Argumentative PowerPoint Outline” found on the same page under “Resources.” You will also want to utilize the information you have gathered in step three to decide which claims and counterclaims you want to utilize.

As you are planning your PowerPoint, an important step will be to divide the slides evenly. Below please indicate who is responsible for which slides or slide sections. The person responsible will also be the speaker about these slides during the presentation.

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**Step Seven:** Construct the presentation. Using all the information you have gathered create a PowerPoint that will be presented to your classmates. Make sure you have divided the work so that each person can construct his/her own slides.

**Step Eight:** Create notecards for your presentation and practice presenting your argument.