

Planning a Position Paper

Objective

The goal of this module is to inquire into different ways writers have probed and represented the value of human life. In your essay you should:

1. Clearly articulate the arguments of at least six different writers.
2. Identify and explain arguments and counterarguments about the valuation of life.
3. Clearly state your own beliefs in the context of other writers.

Let's Get Organized!

Use the graphic organizer below to organize your thoughts. Add paper as needed.

Ideas that I agree with:

Ideas that I do not agree with:

My own idea:

Summarizing Arguments

Use the organizer below to better summarize the arguments of two texts that you have read. Add paper as needed.

<p>Title, Author, Genre</p>		
<p>Central Claim</p>		
<p>Evidence Paraphrase or directly quote the source material that the author uses to support his or her claim.</p>		
<p>Type of Evidence Is the evidence a personal experience, allusion, anecdote, data, research, testimony, or other support? <i>May be literary devices.</i></p>		
<p>Analysis Why is the author using this evidence? Is the evidence convincing? To whom might the evidence appeal?</p>		
<p>Do you agree or disagree with the claim?</p>		