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## Argumentative Writing Task British Literature



Think about a specific issue you would like to address, or a change you would like to see within your state, city, community, your school, or your family. This argument may be written in the form of a letter. This is your chance to communicate directly with the person or organization that can promote that change.

This option is more personal, and may contain ethos and pathos as rhetorical devices to support your arguments. However, make sure you also use logos. In order to anticipate reader concerns, and provide effective arguments, you will have to conduct some research of your own. You need at least two sources cited in MLA format to support your arguments.

### Procedure

1. Before writing, organize your thoughts by completing the prewriting activity attached to this packet.
2. In the first paragraph of your essay, use the background information to introduce your topic and state your proposal.
3. In paragraphs two, three, and four, state clear, logical arguments
4. In paragraph five, anticipate reader concerns, and offer counter-arguments.
5. In the concluding paragraph, provide a link to the thesis statement and provide a feeling of closure.
6. Use rhetorical devices to strengthen your claim. For example appeals to emotion, ethics or logic (ethos, pathos and logos).
7. Use transitional language to connect your ideas and/or paragraphs.
8. Reread your paper to see if it makes sense. Revise and edit your paper, checking for spelling, punctuation, paragraphing, margins, and content.
9. Your final draft should be typed using MLA format.
10. Cite the sources you used to support your claim.