

Argumentative Essay: Is the play Romeo and Juliet still relevant in today's society?
Graphic organizer



Essay topic

William Shakespeare's play Romeo and Juliet is/is not relevant in today's society because...

What is your opinion on the topic?

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Reason 1:

Five horizontal lines for Reason 1



Why? Support your reason with textual evidence.

Five horizontal lines for Why? box

Reason 2:

Five horizontal lines for Reason 2



Why? Support your reason with textual evidence.

Five horizontal lines for Why? box

FOUR quotes total: Remember that you must use at least two quotes from the play and one quote from one of the secondary documents.

Reason 3 (if applicable):

Five horizontal lines for Reason 3



Why? Support your reason with textual evidence.

Five horizontal lines for Why? box

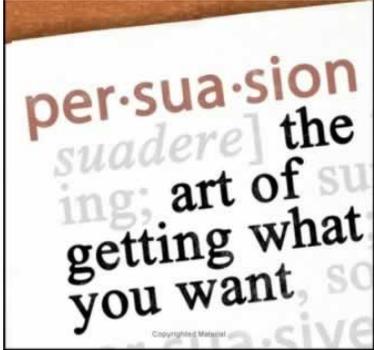
DO YOUR OWN WORK. No credit for any material taken from another source (other than cited evidence). This means you will earn a 0/100 on the assignment. Plagiarism is the act of using another person's ideas and expressions in your writing without acknowledging the source. Repeating another's words, phrases or sentences without quotation marks and proper citation is one form of plagiarism. Restating another's "apt phrase," argument or idea without proper citation is also plagiarism as it indicates the work is your own rather than that of the original source (MLA handbook).

Reason 4 (if applicable):



Why? Support your reason with textual evidence.

A persuasive essay is a sound argument of a position backed up with facts, details, examples and one additional element—appeal. Persuasion is the kind of writing that depends on the reader’s reaction to what the writer says. One should remember that the goal of persuasive writing is to make the reader change from his viewpoint to the writer’s viewpoint. Therefore, the writer must present his argument in a way that will not offend his reader.



I. Introduction

- Begin your introductory paragraph with a hook to interest your reader. Do not ask a question!
- Give background on the play – what is it about? (No need to go into excessive detail here – just hit the main points in a sentence or two.)
- Include the title of the play (*The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*) and the author (William Shakespeare).
- State your thesis at the end of the paragraph.

II. Body Paragraphs

- Begin each body paragraph with a topic sentence—a reason/main idea that entity is at fault.
- Include specific examples from *Romeo and Juliet* and articles (citing quotations).
- Explain/comment on the evidence and tell how it supports your claim.
- End each paragraph with a Clincher/Transition sentence that wraps up this idea and moves to the next idea.
- Address counterpoints (reason readers may offer that disagree with your stance).

V. Conclusion Paragraph

- Begin the conclusion paragraph by introducing a new, but related idea.
- Make a general statement about relevance.
- Make a general statement of appeal (pathos, ethos, or logos). →
- Make a general statement of counterpoints.
- End the paragraph with a fabulous sentence that makes the audience really want to applaud your command of the play and the issues.

What’s the best way to get readers on your side??

Appeals:
 When trying to persuade others of your opinions on various issues (in writing or speech), appeal to your listeners in 3 ways:
 1. Logical – appeal to readers’ practical reasoning (it makes sense logically)
 2. Emotional – appeal to readers’ feelings or emotions (it taps into emotional support)
 3. Ethical – appeal to readers’ sense of right and wrong (it doesn’t oppose basic beliefs)