

Argumentative Paragraphs
APSU Writing Center Handout

Writing Argumentative Paragraphs: The SEE Method

The SEE method (Statement, Evidence, Explanation) is a structured approach to writing strong argumentative paragraphs. It helps ensure your writing is clear, well-supported, and logically connected.

S - Statement

Make a clear claim or argument that sets the focus of the paragraph.

- **Example:** Campus resources are essential for student success, providing academic, personal, and professional support throughout college.

E - Evidence

Provide research or information to support the statement. It can include statistics, quotes, studies, or examples.

- **Example:** "Studies show that students who use campus resources like tutoring, career services, and counseling are more likely to earn higher grades, secure internships, and maintain wellbeing (Smith, 2025)."

E - Explanation

Analyze how the evidence supports by showing the relevance and connection to the statement.

- **Example:** Campus resources play a crucial role in helping students overcome academic challenges, plan for their futures, and maintain a balanced college experience. By taking advantage of these services, students set themselves up for long-term success.

Reminder

By following the SEE method, you can build clear, persuasive, and well-structured argumentative paragraphs!

(Statement): A claim or argument:

(Evidence): Support for your statement with source-based evidence:

(Explanation): Analysis of how the evidence supports the statement:

References

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