

Writing to sources: Argumentative Essay

Due Date: Sunday, January the 17th

In this unit, you read about various people who take a stand for what matters. In some cases, they are the authors themselves, writing to convince others to adopt their point of view. In others, the authors or their subjects are discovering what matters to them.

Assignment: Write an argument in which you state and defend a claim in response to the following question:-

Is it important for people to make their own choices in life?

Use examples from the selections you read, viewed, and researched in this unit to support and verify your claim. Organize your ideas so that they flow logically and are easy for readers to follow. Use a formal style and tone.

REMEMBER: Your essay should have an effective argument, including a clear claim, relevant evidence, possible counterclaims & rebuttal, and a strong conclusion. Your essay needs to be 500 words long, minimally, and written in font type Arial or Times New Roman, size 12, and formatted accordingly. Be sure to indent the first line of every new paragraph. Write immediately on the space below.

Title:

The hope for underrated youth and individuals by Aalya Buhamrah 8U

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“Everyone has the right to make his own decisions, but none has the right to force his decision on others.” - Ayn Rand. People all around the world have been brainwashed to believing that people with authority have the power to control their decisions and take over their lives. Many innocent individuals have had their belongings taken away, got locked up and away from others, assassinated or even brutally injured. Many don't think their lives don't matter because their freedom is inaccessible. Making decisions is considered a valuable human right, people make decisions based on what they're comfortable with and what they want to do instead of what they should.

One of the many reasons why people should make their own decisions is because of the way the government and high authorities manipulate citizens in order to control their decisions. In the prominent movie known as “Hairspray”, a scene is shown where the main character and her fellow friends are protesting and demanding for equality, she then is wanted by the police and attempts to hide from them for protesting and being present in such an event. In the arguments “Ban the Ban” and “Soda's a Problem But..” the writers talk about how Mayor Bloomberg is taking away the option of consuming junk food. Both of these examples mentioned in this paragraph share one similarity, they both state the way the government controls their decisions

and for irrelevant reasons. People with ascendancy have a specific scheme of what they want the world to look like, and they will change anything that remotely disagrees with that scheme.

Another reason why people should make their own decisions is because they make them based on what they want to do instead of what they have to. Many stories in the prophet Mohammed's (PBUH) life have situations where people won't follow him and Islam because they don't want to give up their money and possessions. The prophet knows and believes that people have the right to make their own decisions, which is why he never forced anyone to be a part of the Islamic religion. In the Holy Quran, it is mentioned that the person has the decision to make his or her own choices “وَمَا يَنْبَغُ أَكْثَرُهُمْ إِلَّا ظَنًّا إِنَّ الظَّنَّ لَا يُغْنِي مِنَ الْحَقِّ شَيْئًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِمَا يَفْعَلُونَ (٣٦)“.

Although making decisions is a human right, some may believe that having the chance to make their own decisions in life can lead to harm and insecurity. Many make their decisions on bad ideas because of the way they were raised. Teaching kids and reminding them of a strong background supported by religion and overall good thoughts and deeds is essential so when they grow up they'll have the right mindset to make mature decisions with others. In the movie “Nowhere Boy”, the main character decides to run away from his aunt's house to go see his mother (who wasn't a very good person) and skip school, he wasn't reminded by his growing background and learning from his mistakes which lead him to many problems throughout the film.

As stated before, making decisions is a very important and valuable human right, people make their decisions based on what they feel like doing, and even if those decisions may be wrong, as long as they're harmless they should be respected. As mentioned, people with higher power feel the need to take control of others' decisions, which causes many horrible problems and unsafe environments, which is why making sure to sign petitions and speaking up about this severely unstated situation can really help.

Final Draft :

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As stated before, making decisions is a very important and valuable human right, people make their decisions based on what they feel like doing, and even if those decisions may be wrong, as long as they’re harmless they should be respected. People with high authority must open their minds and accept the fact that people come from many different backgrounds, which is why adopting training courses or arranging public speeches to enhance individual decision making are amazing ways people with power can influence people. Other ways people can speak up about this situation is by signing petitions and protesting about this severely understated topic, which prevents horrible problems and unsafe environments.