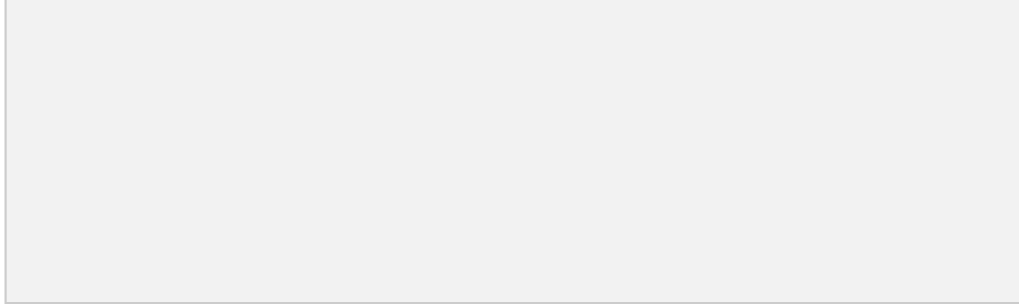


Assignment 2

Argumentative essay



Instructions

For this assignment, you will be writing an argumentative essay on the topic of higher education in Singapore, convincing an educated reader of your position. Your thesis must be *arguable*, that is, it must make a specific claim that is based in evidence and is debatable (someone could conceivably disagree with you).

1. Choose one of the topics below:
 - A. The increasing prevalence of private tuition
 - B. The rising cost of university studies
 - C. Social exclusivity and cliques in student relations
 - D. The role of design and aesthetics in a stimulating learning environment
 - E. The desire for deeper meaning in education
 - F. The prevailing focus of education on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs in Singapore
 - G. Meritocracy in the Singaporean education system
 - H. Alternatively, if you are interested in another issue concerning higher education in Singapore, you may consult your tutor
2. Conduct background research on the topic. This could include reading articles from different sources, finding relevant statistics and data, or interviewing credible sources.
3. Formulate an arguable position on how you would respond to this issue and write a persuasive essay to convince an educated reader of your stance.

Please refer to your tutorials from weeks 6-9 on persuasive and argumentative writing, and also refer back to your week 4 tutorial on editing your written work.

Submission

In week 9, you need to bring one hard copy of your draft assignment to your tutorial. In week 10, submit a hard copy of your assignment to your tutor and a soft copy to Turnitin on your tutorial NTULearn site.

Please refer to the formatting guidelines in Appendix 2 of your tutorial notes for Unit 3, which provides specific instructions on how you should format your written assignments for this course.