

Graduating to Adulthood (2)

Prompt Sequence: Grade: 12 | Genre: Argumentative

This nine-week prompt sequence features a thoughtfully-designed set of Grade 12 prompts for students defining their identities as graduates and citizens. Featured topics from our Signal Check and Spot Check libraries focus on the essential elements of argumentative writing. Activities from our Expansion Pack Library and Curriculum Resources page further solidify their communication skills and help to prepare students for argumentative writing in college and beyond.

Week 1: Diagnostic

Assign **Prep Work** in Spot Check as a diagnostic writing task to get a baseline regarding students' starting levels in each trait.

Week 2: Review

Print and discuss the **Prep Work** Exemplar Essays. Utilize exemplar activities with students to illustrate and define key elements of successful argumentative writing, in order to prepare them for their formative assignment.

Week 3: Formative Assignment

Use Signal Check to assign **School Search** for students to practice argumentative writing skills and receive formative, actionable feedback on their writing.

Week 4: Skill Bulding

Use the assignment report to see where students struggled in their formative assignment. Lead an Expansion Pack Activity that addresses weaker areas.

Week 5: Formative Assignment

Use Signal Check to assign **Financial Literacy** for students to practice argumentative writing skills and receive formative, actionable feedback on their writing.

Week 6: Skill Building

Use the assignment report to see where students struggled in their formative assignment. Lead an Expansion Pack activity that supports students in their use of evidence, writing organization, or language choice. Additionally, model and offer support and tools for students when reading more challenging prompts and excerpts.

Week 7: Formative Assignment

Use Signal Check to assign **Right to Privacy** for students to practice learned argumentative writing skills and receive formative, actionable feedback on their writing.

Week 8: Skill Solidifying

Use the Assignment Report to see where students struggled on their formative assignment. Implement activities from the Expansion Pack aimed at addressing weaker areas in order to prepare students for their culminating writing task.

Week 9: Culminating Writing Task

Assign **Protection or Privacy** in Spot Check as a culminating writing task to check on the students' progress on the skills of this unit of study.

