

Graduating to Adulthood (1)

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 analytical writing.

Week 3: Preparation

Use the Assignment Report to see where students struggled on the diagnostic. Prepare students for their formative assignment by leading an Expansion Pack activity aimed at improving weaker areas.

Week 4: 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 5: Skill Building

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

Week 6: Preparation

Prepare an Expansion Pack activity that will support 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 sources.

Week 7: Formative Assignment

Use Signal Check to assign **Financial Literacy** 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.

