

Bevill - AP Lang - Summer 2022 - Argument FRQ Evidence Databank!

Directions: The Argument Free Response Question on the AP Lang exam asks you to respond to an open-ended prompt with a well-constructed essay that develops your position on the topic. Without specific guidelines in the prompt, you may use nearly anything for your evidence and commentary. This document is a way for you to organize your thoughts and consider what exactly you know well enough to build into an effective argument. Think of this as a living document that you will update throughout the year.

For your summer assignment, I'd like you to read books, watch shows and movies and documentaries, listen to podcasts, explore the world, dive deeper into the things that interest you, and document what you've learned! If you'd like a list of suggested titles, let me know via email: scott.bevill@knoxschools.org. Please follow the directions below:

- Make a copy of this Google Doc and save it to your AP Lang folder. You may also complete this assignment on paper or in another electronic format that makes sense to you (a blog, spreadsheet, etc...)!
- **For at least four categories, list 2-3 examples of topics** you know well enough to explore in an essay (**at least 1 in each category should be something new you've learned or read this summer!**). The categories include history, current events, pop culture, biographies, personal experience, books, podcasts, science, etc...
- In the left column, summarize the example, including necessary details and/or background info that would help a reader understand your example. Be appropriately detailed but concise.
 - Do not use the same example for more than one category. If your example falls under two categories, make a decision about where you think it fits best.
- For the "keywords" column, think about some broad/abstract concepts that could work with this example. There's a list below, but you're welcome to make your own!
- In the right column, add bullet points of commentary that explain the significance of the evidence. What is the lesson, message, or take-away from the example? What is the lasting impact of this example?

Possible Keywords:

- Integrity, honesty, character, competition, generosity, trust, forgiveness
- Justice, injustice, disobedience, morality, tradition, honor, tolerance, progress, overrated, underrated, antiquated
- Determination, perseverance, adversity, disappointment, uncertainty, patience, focus, positivity, creativity, innovation, hope
- Perfectionism, mistakes, failure, curiosity, passion, motivation, fear, courage, productivity, timeliness, unity, organization
- Wit, wisdom, humor

Fiction Books

List your top 2-3 **specific examples from reading** you can write about knowledgeably.

Summary of Evidence (with specifics)	Keywords	Commentary (What does this example "reveal" or "demonstrate?")
<i>Station Eleven</i> by Emily St. John Mandel - The Traveling symphony's motto of "Survival is Insufficient" inspires their travels in a post-pandemic-apocalyptic world.	Hope, perseverance, courage, art	Mandel argues for the power of art, beauty, literature, and found families as a way of persevering through trouble and finding hope in even the darkest moments.

Historical Events

List your top 2-3 **specific historical events** you can write about knowledgeably. (Generalized time periods and wars are not specific enough.)

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Current Events

List your top 2-3 **specific current events** you can write about knowledgeably. Topics such as "COVID," "Russia/Ukraine," and "Olympics" are too broad to write about in the argument essay, so narrow it down to specific aspects of similar topics that are of interest to you!.

Summary of Evidence (with specifics)	Keywords	Commentary (What does this example "reveal" or "demonstrate?")

Biography

List your top 2-3 specific people (living or dead) you can write about knowledgeably.

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Pop Culture References

List your top 2-3 specific **pop culture references** you can write about knowledgeably. This can include music, art, influencers, TV, movies, etc.

Summary of Evidence (with specifics)	Keywords	Commentary (What does this example "reveal" or "demonstrate?")

Personal Experiences

List your top 2-3 **specific personal experiences** you can write about knowledgeably. These can be personal experiences or experiences of someone you know. Make sure you choose meaningful examples that lead to progress, discovery, insight, growth, or change.

Summary of Evidence (with specifics)	Keywords	Commentary (What does this example "reveal" or "demonstrate?")

Science

List your top 2-3 **specific scientific examples** you can write about knowledgeably. This can include medicine, psychology, environmental concerns, etc.

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Non-Fiction Books

List your top 2-3 **specific examples from reading** you can write about knowledgeably.

Summary of Evidence (with specifics)	Keywords	Commentary (What does this example "reveal" or "demonstrate?")

Podcasts

List your top 2-3 **specific examples from podcasts** you can write about knowledgeably. This can include video essays!

Summary of Evidence (with specifics)	Keywords	Commentary (What does this example "reveal" or "demonstrate?")

Outside Knowledge

List your top 2-3 specific examples of "outside knowledge" you can write about knowledgeably. This is an open category. If needed, you can include examples from other categories here.

Summary of Evidence (with specifics)	Keywords	Commentary (What does this example "reveal" or "demonstrate?")