

Class 12 VCE English: Outcome 2 – Argument & Persuasive Language: Introduction & Overview

Congratulations on reaching the final Outcome for Unit 3!

We will split the Outcome into three sections:

- Work from the Insight Textbook (Chapters 9-12)

You have already completed similar activities to these, so it should be more refreshing, consolidating and improving, rather than learning from scratch. This is a good unit of work to do from home, because the textbook is pretty clear – introduces each thing you need to know with examples.

If you use the textbook properly, there should be no reason that you cannot teach yourself to write excellent argument and language analysis. The SAC is really like an extended Activity you would find in this textbook.

- The Issue – we have to study a specific issue (the articles you analyse for the SAC will be related to this issue).

We usually start with the issue, and I get students to do the textbook work as homework. However, if we start with the Textbook work as classwork/coursework – then if we do go back to school before the end of the term, we can do the issue in the classroom – which would be better.

I still have not confirmed an issue although I have some ideas.

The obvious issue is all this raining we've been having! -wait, no – coronavirus is it? Right, I'd forgotten about that.

We would not just study the coronavirus as the issue, it would be one of the million issues that has arisen because of it.

Please – if you have any ideas for an issue – covid or otherwise – please let me know.

- The SAC – preparation, practice and planning.

Working from the Insight Textbook

Make sure to read slowly and use the examples given as a model to write your own responses.

Some questions may say 'discuss with class / a partner' – don't ignore these – they are often valuable; either throw out some discussion starters at the dinner table, or harass your parents when they're trying to cook you a delicious dinner. At worst, think through these topics and questions in your mind-brains.

For the first 3-4 weeks (depending on when we go back) I will set you a week's work at a time.

This work will be posted every Friday, meaning your work will be due every Thursday.

That means I will give you an extra activity to do this week as you have an extra day (plus I've given you a few days rest since the SAC).