ARC Workshop NOTES: Thesis and Refute Yegoryan

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Essay= assay (weight)/ give more value

Rhetoric – Art of Persuasion

TOPIC: Some believe that **we should make important decisions alone.** Others believe that such

decisions **should be done after discussing with family or friends.**

**Umbrella Topic:** Different ways of making an important decision

Argument 1: **make important decisions alone**

**1. will help to be more independent and self-reliant**

**2. will help to save time and make prompt decisions**

**3. avoid blaming others if something happens**

\*\*\*Argument 2: decisions **should be done after discussing with family or friends**

**1. we will have more choices**

**2. benefit from the experiences of others**

**3. establish better relations/ bond more with family or friends (empowering fam/fr)**

**Argumentative Essay Structure:**

**INTRODUCTION**

* **Hook**
* **Introduce the “umbrella” topic/ background information**
* **Thesis Statement- main idea of the whole essay/ the writer’s argument (opinion)**

**Open Thesis: Important** decisions **should be done after discussing with family or friends.**

**Or We should make important** decisions **after discussing with family or friends.**

**Complete Thesis: Important** decisions **should be done after discussing with family or friends because we will have more choices, we can benefit from the experiences of others, and it will help to establish better relations with family or friend.**

**Fully- Developed Thesis:**

**a) acknowledge (considers/ states) the opposite argument**

**Although some people may prefer making important decisions alone, (I argue that) important** decisions **should be done after discussing with family or friends because we will have more choices, we can benefit from the experiences of others, and it will help to establish better relations with family or friend.**

**b) validate the the opposite argument (mention 1 advantage)**

**Although making important decisions alone may help to save time, (actually I argue that) important** decisions **should be done after discussing with family or friends because we will have more choices, we can benefit from the experiences of others, and it will help to establish better relations with family or friend.**

**BODY PARAGRAPHS**

* **Supporting Body Paragraphs**

**Body 1: we will have more choices**

**Body 2: we can benefit from the experiences of others**

**Body 3: it will help to establish better relations with family or friend**

* **Refutation Paragraph**

**1. Acknowledge the opposite argument as another choice:**

**It is true that making important decisions alone can also be another option for some people.**

**2. Validate the opposite argument**

**One cannot deny that if we make important decisions alone, we can save time.**

**3. Rebuttal: (show a weakness in the advantage / one of your advantages is better than the advantage of the opposite)**

**However, saving time is not that important than making the right decision. Besides, getting the benefits from the experiences of others surely surpasses the advantage of saving time.**

**4. Re-stablish your argument**

**Therefore,** important decisions **should be done after discussing with family or friends.**

**Body 4: Refute:**

**It is true that making important decisions alone can also be another option for some people.**

**One cannot deny that if we make important decisions alone, we can save time. However, saving time is not that important than making the right decision. Besides, getting the benefits from the experiences of others surely surpasses the advantage of saving time. Therefore,** important decisions **should be done after discussing with family or friends.**

**CONCLUSION**

* **Loop sentence (refer back to the “umbrella” topic)**
* **Restating Thesis**
* **“call for action sentence/ provide suggestion to end the essay**