**Essay** – to try/ to attempt (express our opinion)

“The word/ term “**e**ssay” – 16th century “**a**ssay” (to weight/ to give value)

**Argument –** when there are different point of views/ choices

**Argument:**

**Fight vs. Persuasion**

Purpose: win to bring a change / action

Outcome: ☺ ☹ ☺ ☺

Argument= opinion = choice= claim

Argumentative Topic:

“Nowadays some people use different methods like photo-shop or even plastic surgery to change their appearance as they want to look more attractive”

What do you think about this statement? What is your argument (opinion) about natural beauty vs. “plastic” beauty?

**Argument 1 and its reasons: Changing appearance is ok.**

1. enhance self-assurance/ confidence

2. can change the person’s life /acceptance by others

3. can make a person happy / self-confident

**Argument 2 and its reasons: Changing appearance is NOT ok/ Keeping natural beauty is more important**

1. harmless

2. permanent

3. will make each person look different/ unique

Argumentative Essay Structure:

**INTRODUCTION:** 5-6/7 sentences

* Hook
* Background info about the general topic of the essay
* Thesis

Although changing appearance may help to enhance confidence in some people, (I claim that) **keeping the natural beauty is more important because it is** harmless, permanent, and will make each person look different/ unique.

**BODY PARAGRAPHS:** each body paragraph- 6-10 sentences

**Body 1:** how natural beauty is harmless

Support with details/explanation/ example, quote…

**Body 2:** how natural beauty is permanent

Support with details/explanation/ example, quote…

**Body 3:** how natural beauty makes each person look different/ unique

Support with details/explanation/ example, quote…

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**Body 4:** **Refute**

Acknowledge the opposite claim:

It is true that some people choose to change their natural appearance.

Validate the opposite claim by stating an advantage it brings:

One cannot deny that if people change their appearance, they may gain more self- confidence.

Rebuttal: Show that one of your advantages (reasons) is more beneficial that of the opposite advantage:

However, looking different and unique is more important and can bring more self-assurance

than the advantage of changing the appearance and looking “beautiful” like many.

Re-establish your argument:

Therefore, keeping natural beauty is more important.

**Example of a Refute Paragraph**

It is true that some people choose to change their natural appearance.

One cannot deny that if people change their appearance, they may gain more self- confidence. However, looking different and unique is more important and can bring even more self-assurance than the advantage of changing the appearance and looking “beautiful” like many. Therefore, keeping natural beauty is more important.

**CONCLUSION-** 4-5/6 sentences

* Loop back to the main topic / introduced in the introduction
* Restate the Thesis
* Provide a suggestion/ “Call for Action”

\* See My **PowerPoint “Argumentative Essay Structure”**

Also, consider 2 sample argumentative essays (but remember these essays were in-class/ 30 min and have 2 Supporting Body paragraphs ( not 3)