

**Revision Exercise:**

**Part 1:**

**Title:** 250 Word Argument Exercise **Deadline:** 1:30pm, Monday, October 23rd, 2009 **Possible Points earned:** 15

**Learning Objectives:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Analyze	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construct	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilize	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice	<input type="checkbox"/> Employ	<input type="checkbox"/> Engage
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-To write a basic argumentative statement which is clear, and can be counter-argued.

-To support the basic argument with reasonable statements (research is not necessary, see below)

**Description/Directions:** Write a 250 word essay which contains a basic argument about your major/chosen profession. The topic can be any you choose as long as it's appropriate and relevant to your major/profession. An example of an appropriate topic would be "Biology majors are most important to X because Y." You will use 'basic' evidence to support your claim. Thus, you do not have to conduct any research but must include reasonable, common knowledge statements. In support of the Biology statement you could say "The body is the most important part of who we are." It's commonly known but could also be disputed.

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**Length:** 250 Words, no more, no less. (you will lose 3 pts if it is)

**Part 2:**

**Title:** Countdown Revision **Deadline:** 12:30pm, Friday, October 30th, 2009 **Possible Points earned:** 15

**Learning Objectives:**

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-To work on focusing and reworking a basic argument.

-To practice revision.

**Description/Directions:** Now, take the same 250 word argument, and re-write it. One revision should be 125 words; the next revision 65; then 30. Every time you revise, you must maintain two things: 1. Your argument (even if it means writing it more succinctly); 2. Supporting claims (for the claims you may have to sacrifice a weaker one to allow a complete full one; you may also have to write them more succinctly).

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