



Argument Essays

The Argument Paragraphs



Sentence 1: The argument (reason)

*First of all, proponents + argue/assert/claim
/contend/maintain that + topic + reason.*

First of all, proponents claim that social networking sites help people to reconnect with their friends.



Sentence 2: Explain the reason

Sentence 1 (reason):

First of all, proponents claim that social networking sites help people to reconnect with their friends.

Sentence 2 (explanation)

People are so busy today that they often do not have time to see interact in person.



Sentence 3: Add expert evidence

Reason:

Social networking sites help people to reconnect with their friends.

Do not forget to cite the author and date of publication of the article. If you do not know the author, cite the name of the article. If you do not know the date of publication, write "n.d."

Sentence 3 (expert evidence)

“Social networking sites create a separate world for the users where they can search for their friends and to communicate with them” (“Uses of Facebook,” 2009, para 3).



Sentence 4: Add examples/statistics

Reason:

Social networking sites help people to reconnect with their friends.

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Sentence 4 (statistic)

According to the statistical report presented by Facebook for the year 2010, more than 60 million people have been able to find their friends through Facebook (“Uses of Facebook,” 2009, para 1).



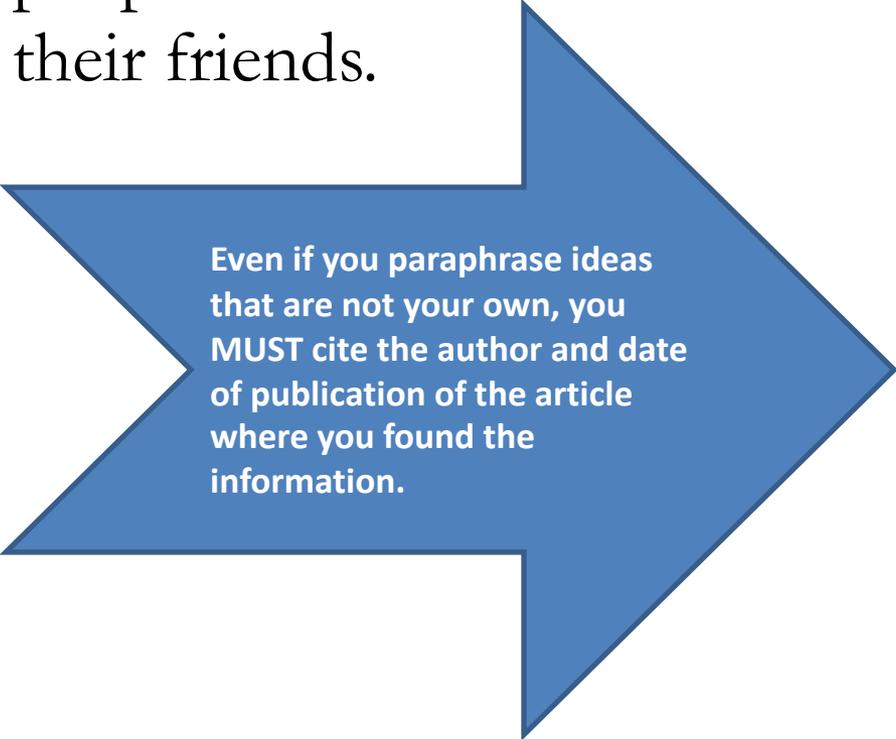
Sentence 5: Add analysis sentence

Reason:

Social networking sites help people to reconnect with their friends.

Sentence 5 (analysis)

In other words, there would not be as much communications between friends if it were not for social networking sites.



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Advice: What to do if you do not have
125-150 words in your paragraph

- Add another example
- Add more statistics

Because these Facebook users can now contact their friends, Michael Arrington (2010) writes that approximately 175 million of them communicate with their friends each day (para 5).



Model argument paragraph

First of all, proponents claim that social networking sites help people to reconnect with their friends. People are so busy today that they often do not have time to see interact in person. “Social networking sites create a separate world for the users where they can search for their friends and to communicate with them” (“Uses of Facebook,” 2009, para 3). According to the statistical report presented by Facebook for the year 2010, more than 60 million people have been able to find their friends through Facebook (“Uses of Facebook,” 2009, para 1). Because these Facebook users can now contact their friends, Michael Arrington (2010) writes that approximately 175 million of them communicate with their friends each day (para 5). In other words, there would not be as much communications between friends if it were not for social networking sites.