**Argumentative essay topics**

Write an essay of 150-250 words on one of the following topics. Your essay can be 312 words long at the maximum and try to extend it to over 200 words at least to give the reader a good impression of you as a writer. You can either choose an argumentative topic where you try to justify a point (of view) by giving grounds and examples for or against an issue or you can write on a topic where you just analyze the matter in question, for example, by discussing the pros and cons/advantages and disadvantages or discuss a topic from different points of view where you don’t have to take a definite stand. Either way, try to reach a conclusion where you wind up the main points of your statements and analysis. Remember to formulate your ideas logically and avoid too opinionated statements. Keep your style polite and formal.

1. **The changes in communication in social media**

How has the use and the ways of communication of social media changed over the past 10 years? What is the most effective way of communication today? What about in the next 5 years? How do you see the development of social media in the near future?

1. **Sport celebs – heroes of today?**

What is it that makes people so interested in the lives of sports celebrities? Biographies and autobiographies about them are very popular. Can they set good examples for other people, especially youngsters to follow? Give examples and discuss the topic from different points of view.

1. **Horoscopes – truth or illusion?**

Have they got any truth in them or do they lead people astray? Discuss.

1. **The solution**

The world is messed up. Name one thing that you think is particularly wrong in the world and which you are especially concerned or worried about and discuss what should be done in your opinion to remedy the situation.

1. **Genetic engineering**

What guidelines should there exist regarding genetic engineering, whether it’s about humans, animals or plant?. Does man have the right to tamper with nature? Discuss from your personal point of view.

1. **According to the Koran**

Islam: a religion of violence or a religion misunderstood?

1. **Unemployment – an unsolvable problem?**

Is iunemployment here to stay or can we do something to find work for the unemployed? What are your suggestions to get Finland back on her feet - at least workwise?