

Prewriting for two ENGL 1302 topics (final draft: 400 words total)

**DEFINITIONS:** An issue is a topic that is **arguable**. It is **arguable** when it provides BOTH benefits (“pro”) AND problems (“cons”). So, the issue has both supporters AND critics. An issue is **personal** when it is part of your own lived experiences and observations. So, you’re either a witness or participant in that issue.

- A. Name a current and arguable issue that interests you personally. First, briefly summarize what the issue is. Then answer these questions: 1) *Why* does it interest you? 2) *How* does the issue affect you)? 3) *What* is your position? 4) *What* are the opponents’ positions? 5) *Where* is there common ground on the issue between you and them?
  
- B. Name another current and arguable issue that interests you personally. First, briefly summarize what the issue is. Then answer these questions: 1) *Why* does it interest you? 2) *How* does the issue affect you)? 3) *What* is your position? 4) *What* are the opponents’ positions? 5) *Where* is there common ground on the issue between you and them?
  
- C. Using the “[Twelve Tests of an Arguable Issue](#)” on your A & B issues, select one of them to be the most likely issue that you plan to write your Projects for this course. Which one did you choose?

**Student Model:** [Prewriting: Consumer Minimalism and Screen Time](#)