

Grade 10 Unit 2 EA 2 Creating an Argument

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What is Global Warming? Global Warming is simply the gradual increasing of the temperature of the earth's atmosphere due to the greenhouse effect caused by raising levels of carbon dioxide and other pollutions. What are fossil fuels? Fossil fuels are natural fuels such as coal or gas. The burning of fossil fuels create combustion which is the primary need for electricity to be produced.

Global Warming is happening. A huge majority of people believe that Global Warming will indeed harm future generations of people, plant and animal species. "There is more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere today than at any point in the last 800,000 years." <https://www.dosomething.org/facts/11-facts-about-global-warming>. Global sea levels since 1870 have risen by about 8in. The raising sea levels are enough to prove that Global Warming is happening and will continue to happen until the human race does something about it. There are alternatives to burning fossil fuels to make electricity and make your cars run. There is such thing as healthy clean environmentally safe energy. Solar, Wind, and Hydro power. Solar Power is the collecting of the suns energy to produce electricity. Wind Power is the conversion of wind energy by wind turbines into electricity. Hydro Power is the making of electricity through the use of gravitational force of falling or flowing water. Each one of these is a clean non harmful energy source. That we should be using.

Global Warming isn't happening. There are many people that do not believe in Global Warming. They believe and say, climates have changed before, extreme weather isn't caused by Global Warming and that there is no consensus. Proving that Global Warming is happening and that it is a rising issue isn't hard. "Just 26 percent of Americans said they trust scientists "completely" or "a lot" in a 2012 Washington Post-Stanford University poll, down from 32 percent in 2007. More, 35 percent said they trust scientists only "a little" or "not at all." In a striking finding, more than one-third of the public believed climate scientists who say global warming is real make their conclusions based on money and politics." <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2013/04/22/how-americans-see-global-warming-in-8-charts/>. People in general

are worried about the world and it still being around long enough for them to see their grandchildren to walk.

I know that Global Warming exist and that it is getting worse every day. If we the people of Mother Earth don't do anything to stop the progression Global Warming this place we call home won't be nothing but a polluted cesspool. You can do your part in helping save the planet, turn off lights when you leave a room, turn off the water when you brush your teeth, recycle, plant trees and all sorts of vegetation, and cut down on driving by simply riding a bike. We are the only people that can help this world so lets start today.

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Annotation

This Emerging exemplar shows a lack of understanding of the structure of argumentation that sets this essay on a vague and confusing path. The introductory paragraph presents some background information, but it is not until the second paragraph that the claim, “Global Warming is happening” is made. The lack of focus of this claim paves the way for textual evidence that may seem irrelevant, especially without clarifying commentary. The relationship between fossil fuels and global warming is not made clear. The counterclaim that global warming “isn’t happening” is supported with evidence that seems irrelevant because the essay does not create the connection between scientists and global warming. Some use of simple transitions would have helped create coherence that is lacking because of poor reasoning. Source references are included, but cited incorrectly. And though the argument is not convincingly developed, the conclusion presents a passionate, strongly worded call to action to stem the tide of global warming. Overall, the reasoning is not supported with relevant or sufficient evidence and the exemplar demonstrates an awkward, insufficiently developed progression of ideas. Though the essay is characterized by few errors in conventions, the simple sentence structure shows little command of an ability to fully express the ideas of a complex issue such as global warming.