

Grade 10 Unit 2 EA 2 Creating an Argument

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People that choose to be gay should be treated with the same equality and respect as people who aren't gay." Same sex couples should have access to the same benefits enjoyed by heterosexual married couples. Many benefits are only available to married couple, such as hospital visitation during an illness, taxation and inheritance rights, and access to family health coverage, and protection in the event of the relationship ending. Being gay is not a choice, you are born that way. No one has the right to deny you your happiness with another person. The most important argument for gay marriage is that there is no sound argument against it. Allowing gays to marry does not hurt anyone, it only grants rights to people who chose a different lifestyle than most Americans. People will try to find any reason so gay people can't be together but the biggest one seems to be the fact that it's not natural. Which basically means they feel that god didn't put us on earth to be together in that way. I want people to see that there is nothing wrong with gay people. If they want to be married then they should get married, they aren't hurting or bothering anyone while doing it, so its not a big deal. "I don't think this is right, mainly because I don't believe that we should change the definition of a word to comfort a person or group of people. Marriage is between a woman and man, I don't think we should change that." Love is love, no matter the race or gender. People that are gay love the same way straight people love.

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Annotation:

In this Incomplete exemplar the lack of a command of the structure of an argument creates problems for the reader right from the beginning. The background that would create context for the issue needs to be part of the introduction that introduces the issues and sets the context for the claim. In this case, the essay begins with a claim, without setting the context. Contradictions in logic at the beginning create additional lack of clarity. The claim is supported by reasoning that begins the “most important argument for gay marriage is that there is no sound argument against it.” This sets up a situation in which little support for the reasoning can be presented. One sentence is devoted to the counterclaim that “it’s not natural.” The next four or five sentences present a confusing set of ideas and because of the lack of structure, it is not clear whether the counterclaims are being argued or more support is being supplied. The essay is developed as just a string of ideas that includes limited textual evidence with no citations. Errors in sentence structure and conventions are present, but do not interfere with meaning. The most important barrier to understanding is the lack of a coherent structure that guides the reader through the argument.