**Assignment 1: Argumentative Essay**

Write a convincing argumentative essay in 500 to 750 words following the standard deductive essay format and answering **one** of the following questions:

1. **Should the government provide funding specifically to promote the use of technology in writing classes in Dutch secondary schools?**
2. **Which technology, the use of instant messaging or the use of digital comics, should be incorporated into the writing classes in Dutch secondary schools?**

Use at least **two** references (quotes or paraphrases) from the articles, with proper APA format in-text citations and a “Reference List” after the essay citing the article and any additional sources in proper APA format.

Tips on Writing an Argumentative Essay

An argumentative thesis includes the main reasons for taking a stand in a debate.

Since an argument contains reasons to answer the question “Why?”, an argumentative thesis benefits from using “because” or a similar phrase like “due to the fact that”, “on the basis of” or “given the fact that”. To be more graceful, do not simply use full sentences in the thesis. Aim to find a noun that can introduce two or more verbs that then go on to detail the reasons as in the argumentative thesis above. In some cases a noun string or series of gerunds can also work in the subject of the sentence.

* *Your essay should have the expected structure including a title, an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion.*
* *Make sure your essay has a clear thesis that answers the question above and topic sentences related to it on a word level.*
* *Pay attention to cohesion and coherence.*
* *Proofread it for possible grammar errors, odd word choice, instances of informal language and/or contractions.*