

Unit 6

iExplore 2

Will digital reading erode our ability to understand the world?

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Teaching Design

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Teaching Demo

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Assignments



Teaching Objective

Challenges

Critical thinking

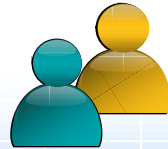
To identify logical fallacies

To convince

To refute unacceptable causal arguments

Language production

Discourse level...



Target Students

Top 60
the highest English proficiency among
all freshmen in a key university

Teaching Demo

scaffolding

Effective refutation

To refute unacceptable causal arguments

To check convincingness

Assessments of, for, as learning

To identify logical fallacies

Linguistic enhancement

Production-oriented activities



Argumentation Theory

10 rules for critical discussion

Freedom rule

Burden-of-proof rule

Standpoint rule

Relevance rule

Unexpressed premise rule

Violations of these 10 rules would result in various fallacies in reasoning.

Starting point rule

Argument scheme rule

Validity rule

Closure rule

Usage rule

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Unit 6 Literacy and Technology

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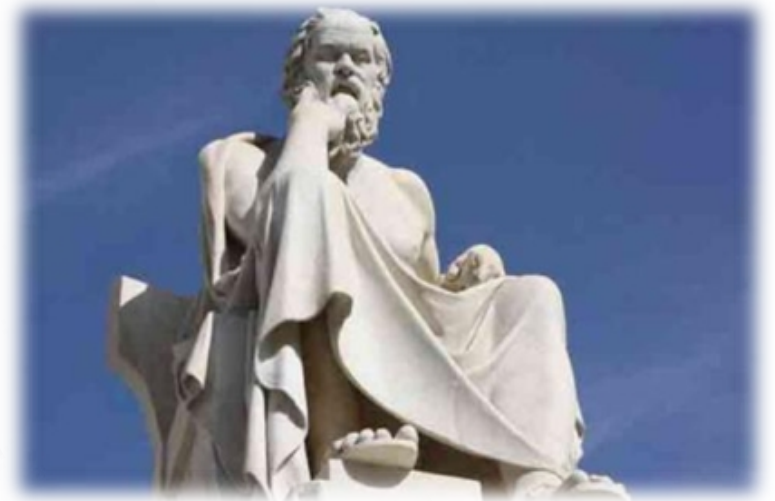




TEXT, page 129, para
para.3

“In ancient Greece, Socrates **reportedly** didn’t fancy a literate society. He felt that people would lose the capacity to think for themselves, simply adopting the perspective of a handy written opinion, and that they would cease to remember what could be written down.”

----Para. 3, iExplore 2



Does the cause always lead to the effect?



The apparent logicity

Literacy



simply adopt
the perspective...



lose the capacity to
think for themselves

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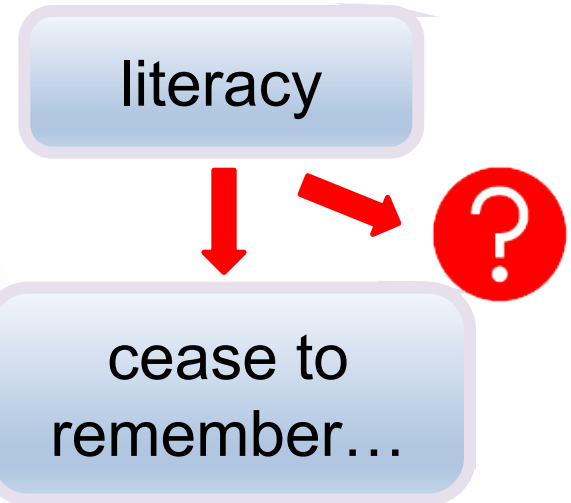
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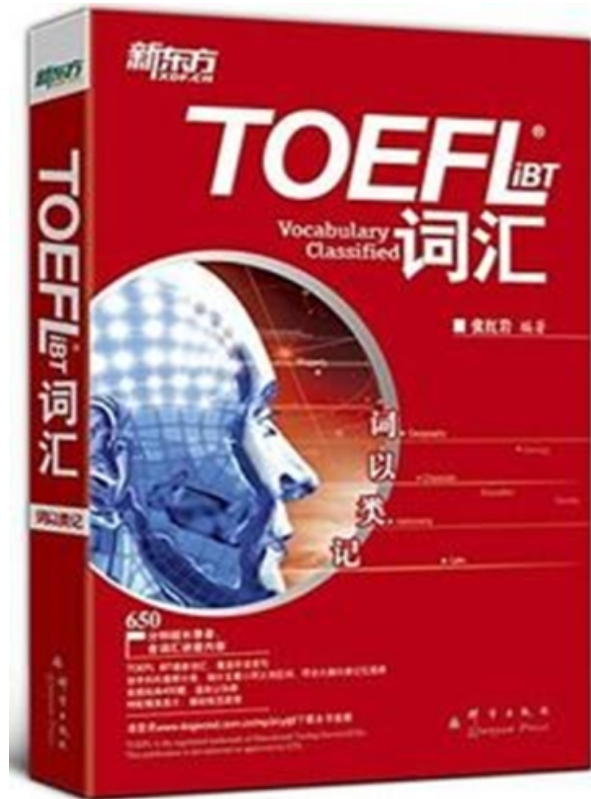
Sometimes we do...but that emphatically does not mean we would always...

(definitely/ unquestionably)

the perspective of a handy written opinion, and that **they would cease to remember what could be written down.**"

----Para. 3, iExplore 2





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拓词



开心词场



扇贝单词



完美规划



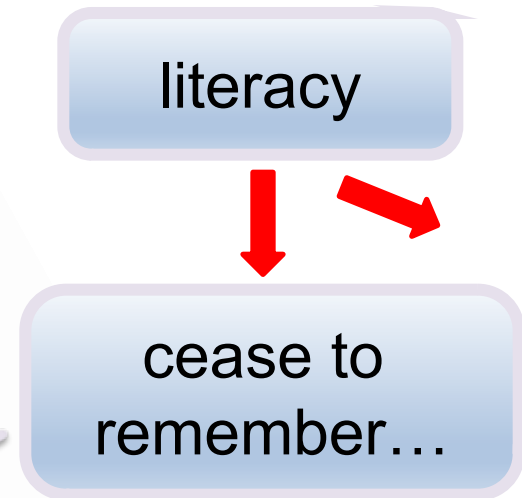
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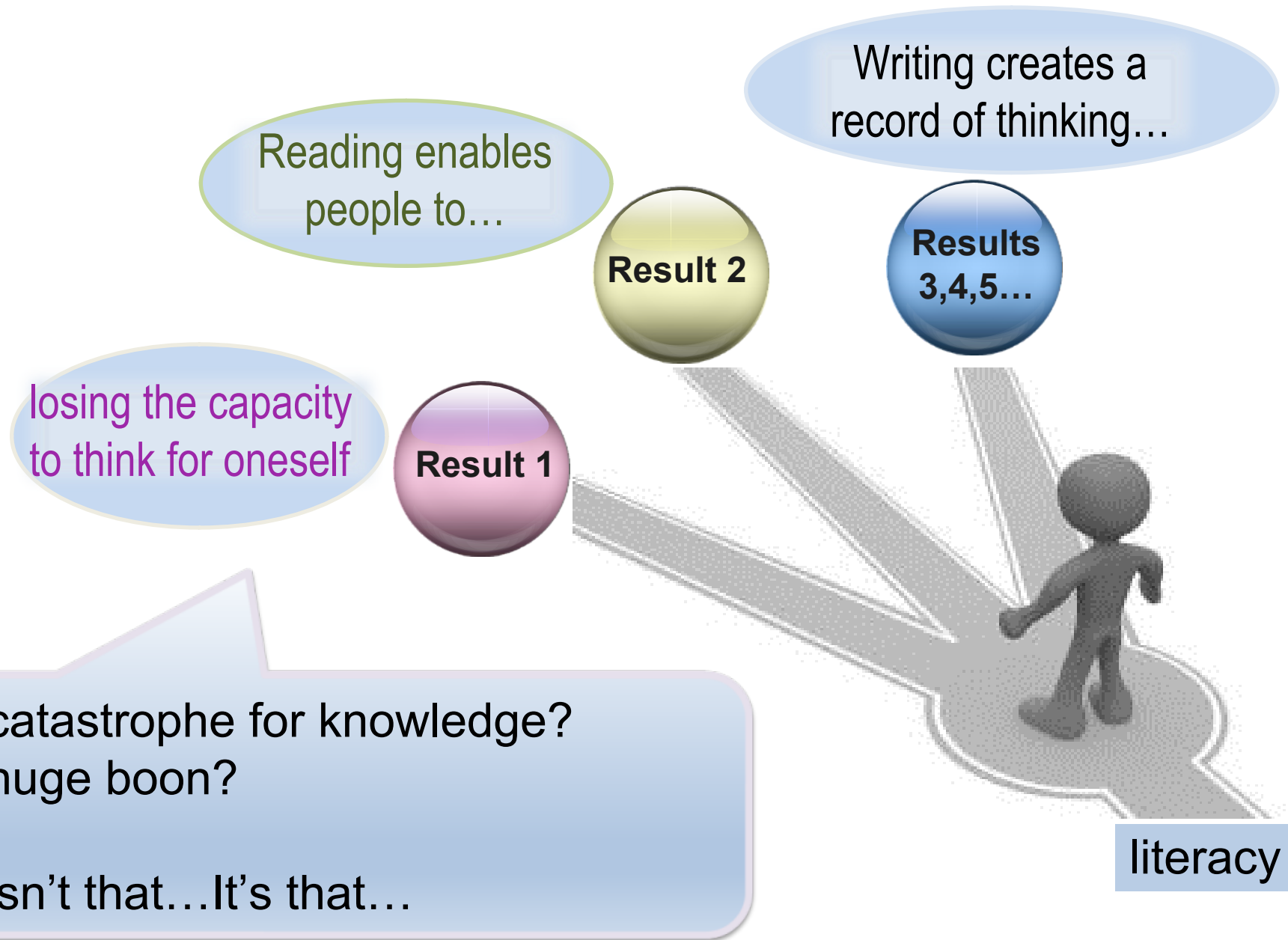
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There is much evidence to suggest that...

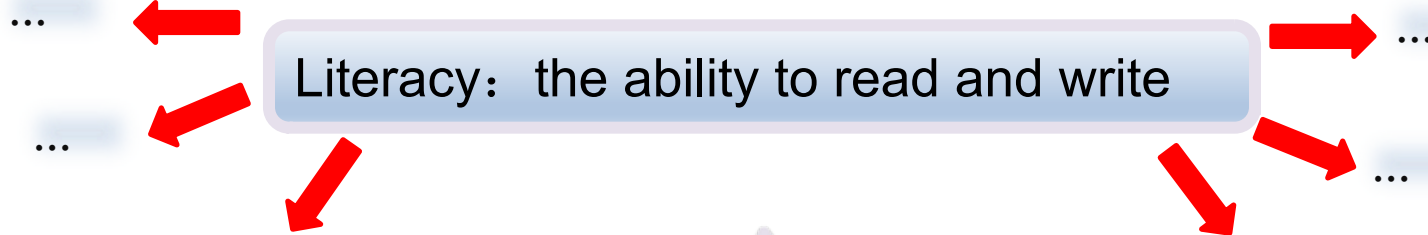
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Possible causal relationship



Could the effects have been caused by something else?

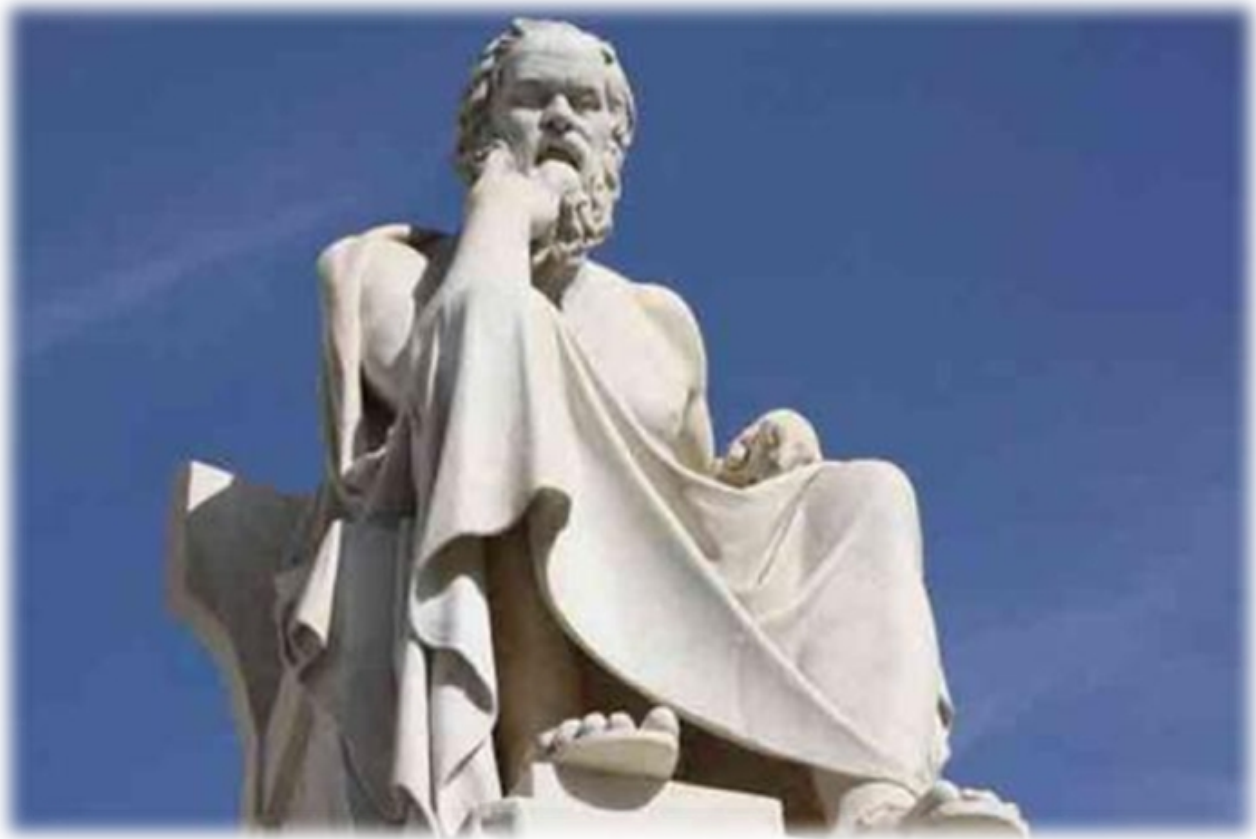


People would simply adopt the perspective of a handy written opinion

People would cease to remember what could be written down

lead to the





Summary: the validity rule

How to refute unacceptable causal arguments

Does the cause indeed lead to the effect?

Does the cause always lead to the effect?

Could the effects have been caused by something else?

How to refute invalid causal arguments: do-it-yourself kit

Useful Expressions

**Step 1. give
qualified approval**



Step 2. disagree

P134. exercise 3

That's partly true.
I take your point, but...
I partly agree with...
To some extent, you are right, but
here's where you get it wrong...

电子阅读影响理解能力的想法经不起推敲。
有足够的证据表明网络的普及方便了人们的阅读。
对老年人而言，并不是网络抛弃了他们，而是他们拒绝接近它。
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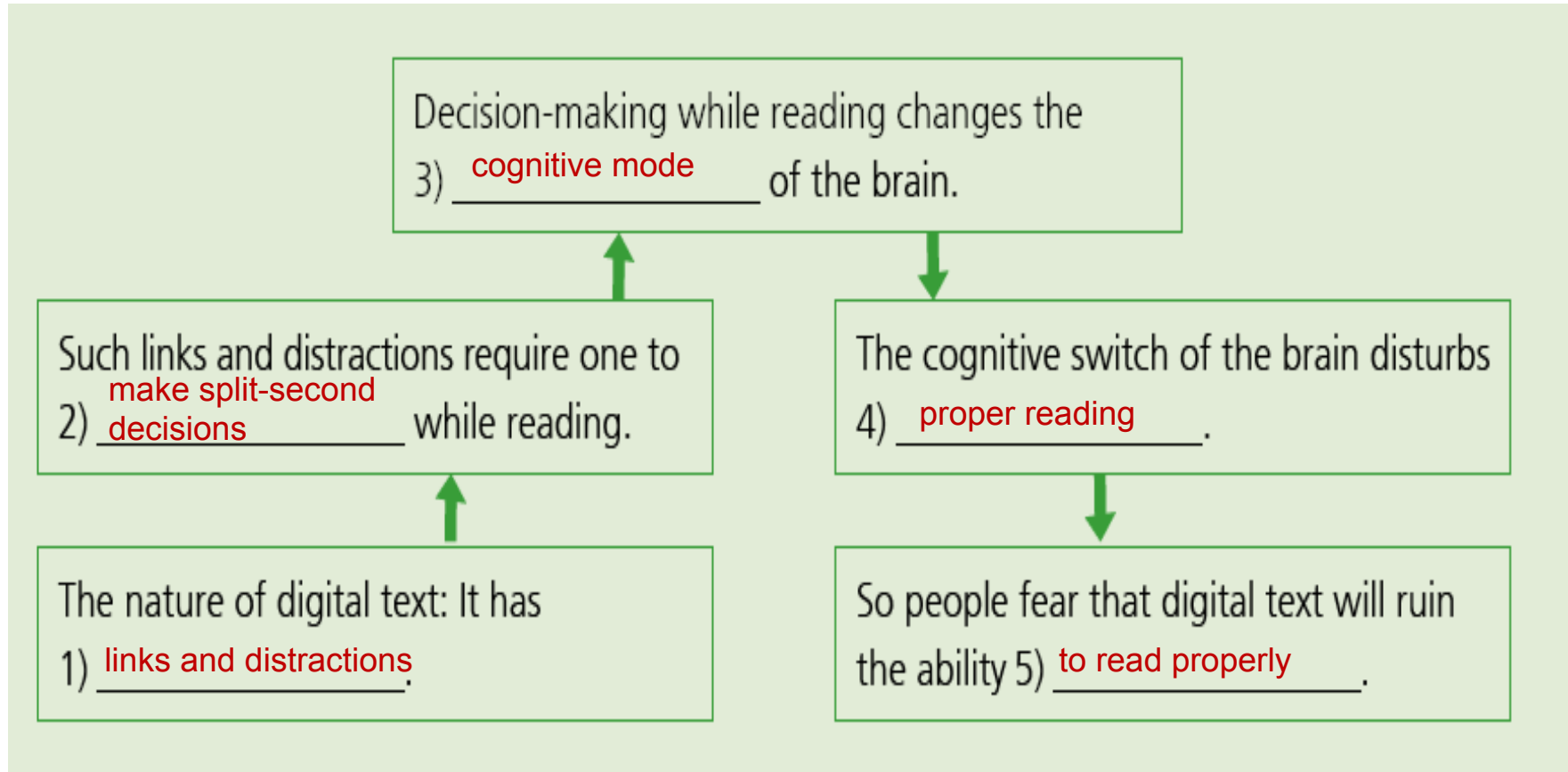
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Fears of people nowadays

----Are they old, old fears in a new form?



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Writing : Will digital reading erode our ability to read properly?
(250 words, using the expressions from exercise 3 on page 134)



Upload your essays to <http://iwrite.unipus.cn/> .

Vote for the best essay and explain why.



P134. exercise 3: Translate sentences using the structures for refuting/defending a point of view.

Writing : Will digital reading erode our ability to read properly?

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**When you write,
try to think about these questions**

Do I develop a definite line of reasoning, explaining how I am arriving at my conclusions?

What will my opponents say against my idea?

How can I defend my idea against their arguments?

Are there any of my points that can be easily attacked?

Does my thesis do justice to the complexity of the matter at issue?

Do I clarify key concepts when necessary?

Is my reasoning well-supported?

**When you vote for the best writing,
use this check-list for evaluation**

Aspect	Specification	point
Content	The opinion is stated clearly.	1
	There are relevant evidence and/or examples to support the claim.	1
	The provided evidence or examples are essential to the issue.	1
	The ideas flow fluently and logically.	1
Structure	The thesis states the view on the impact.	1
	There is a topic sentence for each paragraph.	1
	There are transitional signals.	1
	The concluding paragraph summarizes the main idea.	1
Language	There are no misspellings or punctuation mistakes.	1
	There are no grammatical mistakes.	1



Thank You

*! (Questions are
welcome!)*