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**PART I**

Throughout the next four modules, you will plan and develop an argumentative essay. Your homework assignments will consist of:

* Module 5: Taking a Stance
* Module 6: Developing an Outline
* Module 7: Providing Body Paragraphs
* Module 8: Submitting the Completed Essay

**Taking a Stance**

Below you will find the topic for Essay 2.

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| **Essay 2 Topic**    With a rise in Internet use, millions of people around the globe have flocked to a variety of social networking sites to connect with others.  Sites such as Facebook and Myspace have allowed people to reconnect or to meet for the first time.  With the ability to create personal profiles, to include pictures, and to supply personal and professional information on these sites, people are divulging a lot of information over the Internet.  Some people argue that social networking sites offer people the opportunity to build a stronger and ever-expanding community of friends from around the globe (a global community).  Others argue that social networking sites cause problems because of the amount of information (whether negative or positive) that people provide to friends and strangers.  **For this essay assignment, consider the following:**  1.     Do networking sites such as Facebook and Myspace compromise personal and professional security?  For this essay, you will want to do the following:   * Utilize and analyze some essays in your textbook as well as outside sources (a minimum of 2 sources are required)   **APA Format:**   * Length is 3 pages * Font: Times New Roman * Spacing: double-spaced   The main purpose of this assignment is to develop an argument regarding the essay topic. You will need evidence and examples to help you formulate a stronger argument. Also, remember to utilize outside sources that agree and help to strengthen your position in this essay; therefore, a minimum of two sources are required. With either position in this topic, there are plenty of critics who offer their opinions as well. You should have little problem finding these sources.  You should provide **3 pages, Times New Roman, 12-point font, and double-spaced** for this essay.  You must also format your essay using APA format. Remember, a strong essay will have a clear thesis statement that establishes your position. The remainder of your essay will support your thesis statement with reasons and evidence. |

**Module 5 Homework Assignment Instructions**

Upon reading the Essay 2 prompt, you will consider your position on the essay topic. Your task for this Module 5 Homework Assignment is to **submit an introductory paragraph with a thesis statement** regarding the above essay topic. Remember that a thesis is the claim or main idea or premise of an argument, so you will submit your claim in this Module 5 Homework Assignment.  For some information about writing thesis statements, please read [**Tips and Examples for Writing Thesis Statements**](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/545/1/) (Purdue Online Writing Lab).

Since you have to submit a thesis statement for this assignment, it will help to include an introductory paragraph.  Remember that a thesis statement (your claim/argument) is usually placed toward the end of the introductory paragraph.  By including your thesis statement in your introductory paragraph, you allow your reader to understand your argument early in the essay.  Once you have an introductory paragraph with a strong thesis statement, the remainder of your essay will flow better.

**Part II: Using Appeals**

After you have written your introduction and thesis statement, you should consider what you will use in order to convince your audience. For each – ethos, pathos, and logos – write a paragraph in which you describe how you would use this appeal in your essay.