The Art of Persuasion:
Lane Library resources to help strengthen your argument

BOOKS

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CQ Researcher
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TIPS ON TOPICS

- Be Interested. Most effective persuasive arguments evolve from compelling personal interest.

- Be Specifically Opinionated. Explore a specific facet of your interest. For example, not just “Internet” (too big) but “Blogging” (manageable), then address a question surrounding your topic, like “Blogging: Fad or Future?”

- Be Flexible. Is your topic flexible? Can it be discussed from different angles or perspectives? For example, “Blogging” and libraries, business, society—examine and analyze your specific topic from different approaches.