

GOOD REASONS WITH CONTEMPORARY ARGUMENTS ILA AND THE ENGL 110 TEXTBOOK

Good Reasons With Contemporary Arguments (3rd ed.), the new textbook used in ENGL 110 during the 2007-08 school year, contains helpful foundational materials that faculty from across the disciplines can use. I've outlined these sections below. (Helpful chapters devoted to autobiographical and biographical writing assignments used in ILA, from the previously used *St. Martin's Guide*, are still available on the CAC website.)

CAC workshops can be arranged to help you incorporate any of the *Good Reasons* materials into your ILA class, and I am pleased to talk with you about adapting the materials to your own particular ILA section.

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- Traits of Position and Proposal Arguments (16-17)

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- Thinking about Audience (34-36)
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