

Homework for Friday, 10/28/05

1. Apply Toulmin's four questions to the thesis (claim) you have written. Then, write a revised thesis. (see pg. 54 of Keys for Writers.)

Claim (Thesis):

Support:

Assumption(s):

Qualifier(s):

Revised Claim (Thesis):

2. Write down at least two ways that you might be able to establish common ground with your readers in your paper.

3. Look carefully at pages 56-58 in Keys for Writers, and complete this short exercise on fallacies. Avoid these fallacies in your debate and your paper.

Instructions: In the blank, write the name of the fallacy illustrated by the given sentence(s).

1. _____

My little brother is in a bilingual school and gets straight A's. Therefore, bilingual education is a success.

2. _____

Ethnic minorities in America do not wish to learn English.

3. _____

S.I. Hayakawa is an unreliable source because he is from Canada. He knows nothing about the plight of a true immigrant.

4. _____

Either English must be instituted as the official language, or all citizens must be required to learn every language spoken by every immigrant.

5. _____

American citizens should not have to pay more taxes. Therefore, immigrants must learn English.

6. _____

Bilingual education is a good idea because it promotes learning in more than one language.

7. _____

Sacramento middle school instituted a bilingual education program last Spring. Students' test scores in English are down 10% this year, proving that bilingual education is a failure.