

# Brainstorming Essay 3 (Rogerian OR Proposal) Argument Topics using the Reader Responses 1-6 Prompts

## Instructions:

*Pick any one or more to brainstorm your Essay 3 topics. **Note:** If your actual RR responses answered any of these questions below, then you may choose to use any of your original responses as your Essay 3 topic.*

### RR1

Can you (or someone you know) relate to **making a personal decision against “traditional” expectations**, even though that decision had some thinking negatively of you (or someone you know)? It can be a decision about job ethics or something else. What was it?

**Was it worth it?** Why or why not?

- What two or three reasons can you give to support your position that it was worth it?
- **OR** what two or three reasons can you give to support your position that it was not worth it?

[Explain your answers, based on **YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND EXPERIENCE.**]

### RR2

Can you (or someone you know) relate to being negatively judged for a **“waste” of time and/or money** on something important to you? What was that something? (It can be an event, a product, service, hobby, plan, program, or job.)

**Was it worth it?** Why or why not?

- What two or three reasons can you give to support your position that it was worth it?
- **OR** what two or three reasons can you give to support your position that it was not worth it?

[Explain your answers, based on **YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND EXPERIENCE.**]

### RR3

Can you (or someone you know) relate to **agreeing with a requirement, rule, or expectation** in your (or their) social group – where you work, live, study, worship, or play -- that you must follow or had followed in the past?

- What was the requirement, and why do you agree with it?
- Give 2-3 reasons, based on **YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND EXPERIENCE.**

However, if your answer was **“NO,”** then why do you **disagree** with that rule?

- Give 2-3 reasons, based on **YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**.

## RR4

Can you (or someone you know) relate to **experiencing or witnessing a conflict** in your (or their) own social group, in which you (or they) had to live, work, worship, or play with the opposing members in that group?

- What was the conflict?
- What happened?

What **compromise (that is, a solution)** did you (or that person) offer (or can offer) to heal that conflict and/or accommodate the opposing member of the group while still be true to your position?

[Explain your answers based on **YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**.]

## RR5

Have you (or someone you know) experienced or witnessed **a problem in your group** (work, school, family, or friends), but nobody agreed on how to solve that problem?

- What was that problem?
- Explain what happened based on **YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**.

And **what solution** did you (or the person you know) offer (or can offer -- if it wasn't solved back then) to solve that problem as a **“win-win” for everyone – including your opposition?**

## RR6

Have you (or someone you know) **experienced or witnessed a situation in which a problem was solved but the solution itself had negative effects?**

- What was the solution?
- What were the negative effects?

Do you still agree that the solution is still **the “best” solution** to that problem, despite those negative effects? Why?

- **However, if you do NOT agree**, what possible **alternative solution** that is feasible (that is, do-able) can you offer?

[Explain your answers based on **YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**.]