# Week 1, Discussion 1: Initial Post

 **My personal communication style is…** *(Here, you should talk about the “reflect” part of the prompt. You can share your personal verbal style, writing style, and any concerns you have about your ability to develop a truly academic argument in this class.)*

 **I have learned that an academic argument is…** *(Here, you should describe an academic argument in your own words, based upon the items you read in preparation for this discussion. Remember to describe the four basic elements of an argument.)*

 **A recent argument that I experienced was…** *(Or, if you do not wish to outline an argument from your personal experience, describe the argument presented in the sample paper. Be sure to identify the four basic elements of the argument, whether analyzing one from your experience or the student paper.)*

 **After reading the course materials, I have questions about…** *(Be sure to clearly state any questions or confusion you have regarding rhetoric, argument, or styles of argument. Your classmates can help you find the answers throughout the week.)*

**References**

*(If you reference the textbook, instructor guidance, or handout – which you should – be sure to cite them in-text and add the references to the end of your post. We are learning to master APA style in this class and this is a perfect opportunity to begin your practice. Remember: only items cited in-text should be listed as a reference. For more information:* [*https://awc.ashford.edu/cd-in-text-citation-guide.html*](https://awc.ashford.edu/cd-in-text-citation-guide.html) *&* [*https://awc.ashford.edu/cd-apa-reference-models.html*](https://awc.ashford.edu/cd-apa-reference-models.html)*)*

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