

GRADE 12 ARGUMENTATION UNIT TEXT SETS

This chart lists the unit texts, organized by the “text sets” associated with the progression of instructional activities. Additional texts for some of the sets are indicated with an AT.

As an Open Educational Resource, the unit employs texts that are accessible on the web for free without any login information, membership requirements or purchase. Because of the ever-changing nature of website addresses, links are not provided.

Teachers and students can locate these texts through web searches using the information provided.

#	TITLE	AUTHOR	DATE	SOURCE/PUBLISHER
Text Set #1: Background Informational Texts				
1.1	Audrey Hepburn's Statement to members of the United Nations Staff	Audrey Hepburn	6/13/1989 9/4/1989	Audrey1.org and C-Span, video library
1.2	The State of the Poor: Where Are The Poor, Where Is Extreme Poverty Harder to End, and What Is the Current Profile of the World's Poor?	Pedro Olinto, Kathleen Beegle, Carlos Sobrado, and Hiroki Uematsu	10/2013	The World Bank
1.3	Wealth Inequality in America	NA	11/20/2012	YouTube.com
Text Set #2: Additional Background Informational Texts				
2.1	Populorum Progressio: Encyclical of Pope Paul VI on the Development of Peoples	Pope Paul IV	3/26/1967	The Vatican
2.2	The Duty of Hope	President George W. Bush	7/22/1999	Houston Chronicle, Texas on the Potomac blog
2.3	Ethics-Charity: Introduction	BBC	NA	BBC - ethics guide
AT	On the Edge of Poverty, at the Center of a Debate on Food Stamps	Sheryl Gay Stolberg	9/4/2013	New York Times
AT	What are poverty thresholds and poverty guidelines?	University of Wisconsin-Madison	4/16/2013	Institute for Research on Poverty
AT	How should a post-2015 agreement measure poverty?	OXFAM	9/18/2013	OXFAM
Text Set #3: Political Cartoons				
3.1	"Poor" in America	Steven Colbert	7/26/2011	Comedy Central
3.2	Wealth and Poverty Cartoons	Polyp.org.uk	NA	Polyp.org.uk
3.3	Poverty, Poem by Fred Taban	Fred Taban	10/23/2010	Alvarez photography
3.4	Pope kisses disfigured man	NA	NA	Time Magazine
Text Set #4: Seminal Arguments				
4.1	The why and how of effective altruism	Peter Singer	March 2013	TED talks
4.2	Gospel of Wealth	Andrew Carnegie	6/1889	Swarthmore - North American Review
4.3	The American Welfare State: How we Spend Nearly \$1 Trillion a Year Fighting Poverty - and Fail	Michael Tanner	4/11/2012	Cato Institute
4.4	Poverty speech	Nelson Mandela	2/3/2005	BBC
4.5	Gospel of Luke, Chapter 6	Luke	circa 60CE	Holy Bible
Text Set #5: Additional Arguments				
5.1	First as Tragedy, Then as Farce	Slavoj Zizek	NA	RSA Animate
5.2	The Unexotic Underclass	C.Z. Nnaemeka	5/19/2013	Entrepreneurship Review
5.3	The Way We Think About Charity is Dead Wrong	Dan Pallotta	3/2013	TED talks
AT	The Case for Unconditional Handouts to the Poor	Olga Khazan	8/16/2013	The Atlantic
AT	Not Very Giving	Rob Reich	9/4/2013	New York Times
AT	Don't Give Money to Beggars	Ole Martin Moen	9/22/2012	University of Oxford, Practical Ethics
AT	Episode 503: I Was Just Trying To Help	Jacob Goldstein - Dave Kestenbaum	8/16/2013	This American Life