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HU260 Week 1 Assignment: The Nature of Arguments

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Today’s Date

The Nature of Arguments

***Directions:*** *After reading this week’s materials and watching this* [*video https://youtu.be/Cum3k-Wglfw*](https://youtu.be/Cum3k-Wglfw) *,* *write a paragraph (or more) for each of the following prompts in your own words. Remember, a paragraph is a minimum of three sentences and must be double spaced. Indent the first sentence of each paragraph. Give examples and details to demonstrate your understanding. Your work must be 500 -750 words in total (2-3 pages double spaced). If you use sources in your writing, be sure to* [*cite them*](http://professorpugh.com/grantham/HU260/html/quick_guide.htm) *correctly and identify them in the reference list.* *Delete the prompts and these instructions before you save and submit your work.*

**Prompt 1**: What is an argument? What are some indicators of an argument? What is an example of an argument?

**Prompt 2**:  Explain the meaning of cogent reasoning. In this paragraph, be sure to reference the three criteria for cogent reasoning.

**Prompt 3**: Explain the difference between deductive valid and inductively strong arguments.

**Prompt 4**: Explain the role of background beliefs, worldviews, and philosophies to the critical thinking process. Be sure to give examples of what some background beliefs might be.

**Prompt 5**: Write about a time in which you used a rational argument to persuade someone. What was the argument about? What evidence did you utilize to make your case? 

References

Boardman, F., Cavender, N., & Kahane, H. (2018). *Logic and contemporary rhetoric: The use of reason in everyday life*. Boston, MA: Wadsworth, Cengage Learning.