

## Quotes for Discursive/Argumentative Essays

1. Activities
  - a. 'Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.' — Helen Keller
  - b. 'If we were meant to stay in one place, we'd have roots instead of feet.' — Rachel Wolchin
  - c. 'The danger of adventure is worth a thousand days of ease and comfort.' — Paulo Coelho
  - d. 'Adventure may hurt you, but monotony will kill you.' — Marcus Purvis
2. Family Dynamics
  - a. 'Children begin by loving their parents; as they grow older they judge them; sometimes they forgive them.' — Oscar Wilde
  - b. 'A parent's love is whole no matter how many times divided.' — Robert Brault
  - c. 'Parents aren't the people you come from. They're the people you want to be, when you grow up.' — Jodi Picoult
  - d. 'My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.' — Clarence Budinton Kelland
  - e. 'Family is not an important thing. It's everything.' — Michael J. Fox
  - f. 'In time of test, family is best.' —Burmese Proverb
3. First Impressions
  - a. 'Two things remain irretrievable: time and a first impression.' — Cynthia Ozick
  - b. 'A good first impression can work wonders' — J. K. Rowling
4. Friends
  - a. 'Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.' — Eleanor Roosevelt
  - b. 'One of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and to be understood.' — Lucius Annaeus Seneca
  - c. 'Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one.' — C.S. Lewis
  - d. 'A friend is someone who gives you total freedom to be yourself.' — Jim Morrison
5. Home
  - a. 'Home is where love resides, memories are created, friends always belong, and laughter never ends.'
  - b. 'A house is made of bricks and beams. A home is made of hopes and dreams.'
  - c. 'Home is not a place...it's a feeling.'
6. Life
  - a. 'The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.' — Nelson Mandela
  - b. 'Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking.' — Steve Jobs
  - c. 'If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough.' — Oprah Winfrey
  - d. 'If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success.' — James Cameron
  - e. 'Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans.' — John Lennon
7. Modern Technology
  - a. 'It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.' — Albert Einstein
  - b. 'It is only when they go wrong that machines remind you how powerful they are.' — Clive James, Broadcaster and Journalist.
  - c. 'Once a new technology rolls over you, if you're not part of the steamroller, you're part of the road.' — Stewart Brand, Writer

- d. 'The advance of technology is based on making it fit in so that you don't really even notice it, so it's part of everyday life.' – Bill Gates, Co-founder of Microsoft.

8. Planning

- a. 'He who fails to plan is planning to fail.' – Winston Churchill  
 b. 'An hour of planning can save you 10 hours of doing.' – Dale Carnegie  
 c. 'There are dreamers and there are planners; the planners make their dreams come true.' – Edwin Louis Cole

9. Positivity

- a. 'Miracles happen to those who believe in them.' – Bernhard Berenson  
 b. 'One small positive thought can change your whole day.' – Zig Ziglar  
 c. 'Believe you can and you're halfway there.' – Teddy Roosevelt  
 d. 'If you are positive, you'll see opportunities instead of obstacles.' – Widad Akrawi  
 e. 'Optimism doesn't mean that you are blind to the reality of the situation. It means that you remain motivated to seek a solution to whatever problems arise.' – The Dalai Lama

10. Qualification

- a. 'I adore adverbs; they are the only qualifications I really much respect.' – Henry James  
 b. 'People who reach the top of the tree are only those who haven't got the qualifications to detain them at the bottom.' – Peter Ustinov  
 c. 'The first qualification for success in my view is a strong work ethic.' – Henry Ford II  
 d. 'There is one qualification the manager cannot acquire but must bring to the task. It is not genius; it is character.' – Peter Drucker  
 e. 'Personal happiness lies in knowing that life is not a checklist of acquisition. Your qualifications are not your life.' – J. K. Rowling

11. Risk Taking

- a. 'Discomfort is the price of admission to a meaningful life.' – Susan David  
 b. 'The biggest risk is not taking any risk... In a world that is changing really quickly, the only strategy that is guaranteed to fail is not taking risks.' – Mark Zuckerberg  
 c. 'I prefer to be alive, so I'm cautious about taking risks.' – Werner Herzog  
 d. 'Taking risks and being focused, sometimes, are at odds. Both are required to build a great company.' – Andy Dunn  
 e. 'Learn as if you will live forever, live like you will die tomorrow.' – Mahatma Gandhi

12. Success

- a. 'Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.' – Winston Churchill  
 b. 'It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation.' – Herman Melville  
 c. 'Success usually comes to those who are too busy looking for it.' – Henry David Thoreau  
 d. 'Develop success from failures. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success.' – Dale Carnegie

13. Teamwork

- a. 'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.' – Helen Keller  
 b. 'Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.' – Michael Jordan  
 c. 'If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.' – Booker T. Washington  
 d. 'None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.' – Mother Teresa

14. Teenagers/Young People

- a. 'The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible, and achieve it, generation after generation.' – Pearl S. Buck.

15. Travelling

- a. 'The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.' – Saint Augustine  
 b. 'Travel makes one modest, you see what a tiny place you occupy in the world.' – Gustave Flaubert