**Top 10 in the Last 10 Assignment**

**Objectives:**

* + - To build your knowledge base for argument examples
		- To connect world events to societal constructs, ideas, or debates
		- Create a “go-to” list of relevant examples for argumentation

**Directions:** You will be brainstorming on the Top 10 of the following categories to assist you in crafting compelling examples for any argument topic. You will be reviewing the Top 10 in each category and then connecting to larger societal ideas. As this is a brainstorming activity**, you do not need to write a specific amount or go into great detail.** This assignment is for YOU to gather your ideas and recognize what YOU already know. You can organize this in a chart, in bullet format, or whatever way works for you (no citation required).

Simply, copy down the top 10 events in each category and then write about the following:

* What do you know about the topic/event/person?
* How/why did this make it to the top 10?
* Is there a pattern among the top 10?
* Any other people, events or ideas that you can personally know connects to this topic? This can be historical, literary, personal observation – anything that YOU think of in connection to this category

**Top 10 in the Last Decade:**

Movies – any genre that you have seen, Oscars, People’s Choice Awards, Actor Guild awards, etc.

Music – backstories to the artists you listen to, Grammys, new artists, political musicians, scandals, etc.

Books –anything you have read for school or on your own - commercial, fiction, young adult (YA), non-fiction, children’s etc.

Sports- any sport, look for scandals, highlights, events, etc.

Technological Advancements – tablets, phones, drones, streaming services, Alexa/Nest, etc.

Scientific Discoveries – gene mutation, black holes, gravitational waves, etc.

Politics – first female candidate for President, first non-politician (?) as President, LGBTQ rights, impeachment trial, terrorism, mass shootings, rebellions, etc.

Current Events - Me too, Black Lives Matter, climate change, etc.

Pop Culture – scandals, highlights, royals, etc.