**Debating the Drinking Age**

Article 1 – “Why the Drinking Age Should be Lowered” by Ruth Engs

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2. What is the author’s stance or argument?
3. What is the author’s purpose?
4. What evidence is there of bias?
5. What is the point of view?
6. What are three pieces of evidence the author uses to support her argument?

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Article 2 – “The Battle of the Binge” by Jack Hitt

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Article 1 – “There’s No Benefit to Lowering the Drinking Age” by Robert Voas

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Based on the articles that you have read so far and the presentations that you have seen, what do you think the components of a persuasive/argument essay should be? How should these components be ordered within the essay? We are not talking “introduction,” “body,” “conclusion” here. Think of the question this way: What distinguishes a persuasive/argument essay from other types of essays?