

Nature Vs. Nurture Assignment

The nature vs. nurture debate is one of the most talked about topics in the social sciences debate. The debate centers around what is more important in human development; genetic inheritance or environmental factors?

Your job in this assignment is to examine each side of the issue, choose one, and convince the audience your choice has more of an effect on personality development.

Part 1:

How you convey your information will be up to you. You may choose to present your information in one of the following ways:

A) Debate:

A debate is a very structured argument in which two parties dispute each side to the topic. In this case, your debate will consist of two parts.

1) **Written Portion:**

- Your team will submit all facts you gathered in preparation for your debate. Your submission must follow the specific layout given, and all relevant sources must be included.

2) **Presentation:**

- Your team presents your side of the debate in front of the class. You will be paired with an opposing team in which you will present your argument, as well as a rebuttal to their presentation.

B) Essay

Write a persuasive essay outlining the nature and nurture debate. During this essay you will choose a side in the nature/nurture debate to argue and gather evidence to support it. Your goal will be to outline both sides of the argument, but ultimately convince the reader that your argument is logical and well rounded and thus - better. Your essay must follow the specific outline for a persuasive essay provided.

Part 2:

Now that you have studied the nature nurture debate, you are aware of evidence that exists for both sides. You are going to use your social science skills to study the question “Based on public opinion, which has more support, nature or nurture?” You will be creating surveys to poll classmates to see where their support lies. Do they believe nature is responsible for shaping our behavior, or do nurture play a larger role?