

### **Argumentative Essay (Level One)**

#### **Directions**

Reflect on the following quote by Malcolm X

**“The most disrespected person in America is the black woman. The most unprotected person in America is the black woman. The most neglected person in America is the black woman.”—Malcolm (born Malcolm Little, later Malik el-Shabazz (1925 – 1965).**

An author’s or speaker’s words are heavily influenced by what he or she has experienced, read, and heard. **Why do you think Malcolm X said those words? Are they true today. Make sure that you include at least two reasons (evidence) to support your claim. Start your response with a thesis statement.**

A thesis statement is the single, specific claim that your essay supports.

Examples:

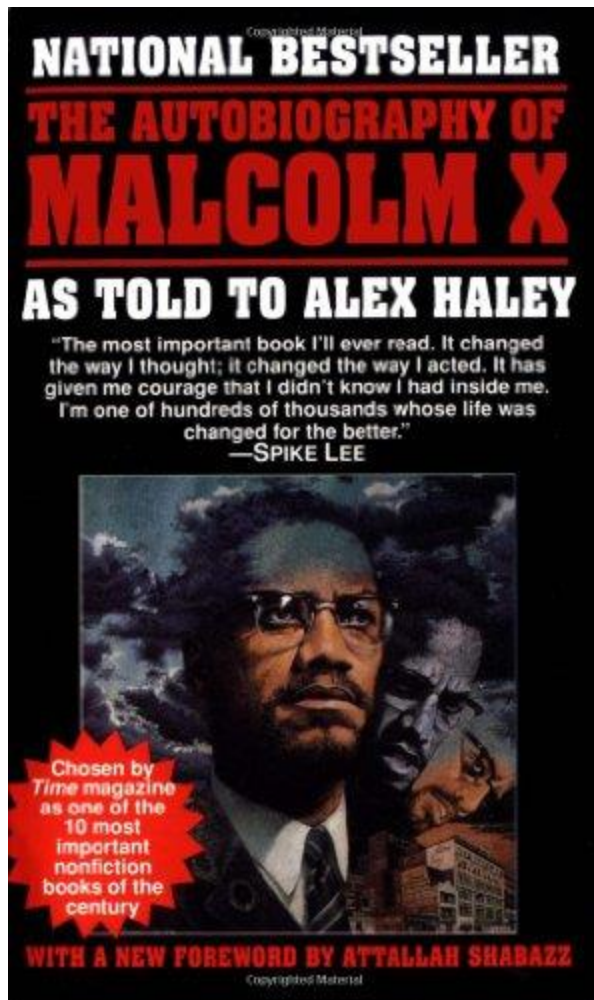
The life of the typical college student is characterized by time spent studying, attending class, and socializing with peers.

High school graduates should be required to take a year off to pursue community service projects before entering college in order

to increase their maturity and global awareness.

**Black women are the most disrespected, unprotected, and neglected people in America.**

**Black women are not the most disrespected, unprotected, and neglected people in America.**



Paragraph 1 Introduce the topic.  
Include your thesis statement.

Paragraph 2 Give some examples of how Black women are **disrespected**.

Paragraph 3 Give some examples of how Black women are **unprotected**.

Paragraph 4 Give some examples of how Black women are **neglected**.

Paragraph 5 Summarize your essay and restate your claim (slightly different from the way you did in paragraph one).

Books by Malcolm X

***The Autobiography of Malcolm X*** (As Told to Alex Haley) Copyright © 1965  
(Published posthumously)

Reference: <https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/writingcenter/writingprocess/arguments>