

## Week 2: Logical Fallacies

Critical and logical thinking are an absolute necessity in academic writing, and in fact for life in general. We want to make good decisions (I know I do; I assume you do as well), and we make better decisions when they involve clear, unbiased, critical thinking, and they are based on logical thought processes.

Logical fallacies are the opposite of logical thinking. They involve thought processes that are NOT logical but appear to be, and they are so common that they have been given specific names. Advertisers and politicians use these to trick us on a regular basis. If we can recognize these fallacies, we become far better consumers.

--Mike

### **READING**

<http://www.logicalfallacies.info/>

Chapter 6 (.pdf file attached)

### **LOGICAL FALLACIES DISCUSSION FORUM**

Once you've completed the reading, go to the Logical Fallacies Forum link. Review my opening question and respond, and then respond to at least TWO of your classmates throughout the week.

### **ASSIGNMENT**

Complete the Logical Fallacies Quiz. Download the file from the assignment link below, and answer the questions. This is OPEN COMPUTER, so feel free to double check your answers. Save your answers and submit the assignment through that link.