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Fundamentals of English

Paper #6—Opposing Viewpoint

As you know, in your 101 class your last paper will be an argumentative paper in which you argue on behalf of or against Sherry Turkle’s claims that robots cannot experience human emotion. As you read for and develop that paper, be sure to think about **contrary evidence and arguments** that could be used in opposition to your claims in the 101 paper.

Then, for this class’s paper, write an argumentative paper that takes the position *opposite* that of your paper in the 101 class. In other words, argue against yourself. For example, if in your 101 paper you agree with Turkle that “the robotic performance of emotion might exist in its own category [but] implies nothing about the authenticity of the emotions being performed” (287), in the paper for this class argue just the opposite: That robots *can* have genuine emotions and, thus, should be treated with respect, just as we take seriously the emotions of our pets or other animals.

This paper will require you to make use of outside sources as you work to support your arguments, just as the 101 paper does: It should use Turkle’s book, of course; any of the other secondary source material you make use of in the 101 paper; and one other source that you seek out specifically for use in this paper that was published between 2011 and 2016. In other words, this paper should have a minimum of three (3) outside sources.

Length: 750 words, minimum.