

COMPLETED STUDENT NOTES

Argumentative Writing

<p>Argumentative writing is when you argue one side of a discussion.</p> <p>Argue= to prove or defend a point by using EVIDENCE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any claim you make MUST be supported by evidence• This is different than persuasive writing, which may use an emotional appeal <p>You CANNOT argue both sides!</p> <p>An argumentative paragraph is set up MUCH like an expository paragraph:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Claim● Lead-in/Evidence● Commentary● Lead-in/Evidence● Commentary● STOP! Here we have to add something new! <p>Argumentative writing has something expository writing doesn't: a counterclaim!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Address the OTHER point of view in an argument• You MUST have one to have a valid argument	<p>Acknowledge the counterclaim BRIEFLY, then REFUTE it by explaining why your point of view is better.</p> <p>REFUTE= to prove wrong using evidence.</p> <p>Example: <u>Claim</u>: Since smoking can cause cancer, people should not smoke.</p> <p><u>Counterclaim</u>: Some may say that just because something has the potential to cause cancer doesn't mean that it will, so it isn't necessary to avoid smoking altogether.</p> <p><u>Refutation</u>: However, when your health is on the line, it's better to weigh the risks and avoid an activity that has been proven to be so dangerous.</p> <p>Including the counterclaim, an outline of an argumentative paragraph looks like this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Claim● Lead-in/Evidence● Commentary● Lead-in/Evidence● Commentary● Counterclaim● Refutation● Conclusion
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