

WPS Middle School Graphic Organizer - Argument

CLAIM:

In this box, write a sentence that specifically addresses the question or prompt.

COUNTERCLAIM(S):

You will only fill-in this box if you are writing an argument paper. Otherwise, you will leave it blank. If you are writing an argument paper, write a sentence that presents an opposing view to the claim. Some arguments may have more than one counterclaim.

REASONS:

In this column, write the foundational supports for your claim. Your reasons are the main ideas in your paper. Reasons are the points you are making in your paper.

EVIDENCE:

In this column, write the evidence that supports your reasons. Evidence could include:

- Quotes (direct or paraphrased)
- Graphics
- Observations
- Data
- Statistics
- Examples

EXPLANATION/INTERPRETATION:

In this column, explain, interpret, analyze your evidence to make connections to your reasons and claim. You may also use stems (this means, this shows, this proves, this indicates...) to introduce your explanation/interpretation.

CONCLUSION:

In this box, write a conclusion that effectively creates closure to your paper. Your conclusion should also highlight and support your claim.