

Argumentative Writing Notes

What is an Argumentative Essay?

- Uses _____ and _____ to defend a position or point of view
- _____, _____, and _____ are used to convince the reader to consider a different point of view
- A strong argumentative essay acknowledges the _____ viewpoint.
 - This is called the _____
 - The counterargument is disputed with _____ to convince the reader to support the writer's initial claim

Vocabulary:

- **Argument** → an attempt to _____ someone to consider a different point of view
 - *Ex: taking a stand for or against electric cars*
- **Thesis/Claim** → position taken by the writer; what the writer is trying to _____
 - *Ex: all vehicles should be electric*
- **Reason** → statement provided to _____ the thesis/claim
 - *Ex: electric vehicles are better for the environment*
- **Evidence** → _____ used to support or prove a reason
 - Statistics, quotes, facts, etc
 - *Ex: according to the Environmental Protection Agency, electric vehicles emit less greenhouse gasses than gas-powered vehicles (EPA 2022)*
- **Counter-argument** → _____ position; counterclaim
 - *Ex: all vehicles should not be electric because electric cars cannot be driven long distances without charging*
- **Rebuttal** → reason that _____ the counter-argument
 - *Ex: this is not the case because many electric cars can drive long distances without charging*

Introduction:

- What does it need?
 - An _____ statement about the topic
 - _____ information about the topic
 - _____ with reasons
 - *Ex: Electric cars were invented more than 100 years ago! Battery-powered electric vehicles were on the roads in the late 1800's. Eventually, electric and gas-powered cars replaced horses for personal transportation. Today, all vehicles should be electric-powered because electric cars are better for the environment and they cost less to fuel.*