



A Quick Guide to Argumentative Writing

Argumentative writing consists of three main components. A **claim** (1), **reasons** (2) to support the claim, and **evidence** (3) to back up those reasons.

#1: Claim

A claim is your **argument**. Claims are statements of belief (WITHOUT "I think" or "I believe") that *can be argued against*.

Example: "Bob should be elected class president."

#2: Reasons

A reason is your **logical support**. Reasons are statements of logic that support your claim/argument. A reason makes your claim more difficult to disagree with.

Example: "Bob should be elected class president *because he is a natural leader*."

#3: Evidence

Evidence is your **proof**. Evidence proves your reasons and ultimately helps support your claim. Evidence comes from sources and research.

Example: "Bob should be elected because he's a natural leader. *When we got lost on our class trip, Bob took control and helped us find our way back to the bus.*"