Argument Writing

Parts of the Argument

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Claim: The overall thesis (side) the writer will argue for. **Qualifiers** such as "typically," "generally," "usually," or "on average" should be used to help to limit the range of your claim by allowing for the almost inevitable exception to the rule.

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Data: Evidence gathered to support the claim.5ui

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Warrant (also referred to as a bridge): Explanation of why or how the data supports the claim, the underlying assumption that connects your data to your claim.

Backing (also referred to as the foundation): Additional logic or reasoning that may be necessary to support the warrant.

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Counterclaim: A claim that negates or disagrees with the thesis/claim.

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Rebuttal: Evidence that negates or disagrees with the counterclaim.