**AOW PRACTICE TROUBLE SHOOT**

1. **Author’s claim (OPINION + REASON):  Duenwald believes that people should choose their friends carefully BECAUSE friends can affect our health and make our lives better or worse.**
2. **Text evidence, MLA:  “Never once have I had anyone write and say my best friend hits me” (Duenwald).**

**5. The author establishes a CRITICAL TONE;  TECHNIQUE + DETAIL)   disturbing health facts -heart attacks**

**myth – friends should last a lifetime**

**statistics – 50% divorce rate makes friends important**