

Writing Argument Self-analysis Checklist

Using the following scale, rate yourself by putting an “X” in the column you think best fits your behaviors as a writer of argument.

As a <u>writer</u> of argument, I	Never	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims (counterclaims)				
create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence				
develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each				
point out strengths and limitations of claim(s) and counterclaims in a manner that anticipates the audience’s knowledge level and concerns				
use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims				
establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the conventions of standard written English, demonstrating knowledge of parallel structure and use of a semicolon (and perhaps a conjunctive adverb) to link two or more closely related independent clauses				
provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented				
To improve my skills as a <i>writer</i> of argument, in this lesson I will focus on				