

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, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s) and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims				
create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence				
develop claim(s) and counterclaim(s) fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each				
point out strengths and weaknesses of claim(s) and counterclaims in a way that considers audience knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases				
use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax 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				
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				