

# Documented Argument Paper Editing

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- 1). Copy out the underlined thesis/claim sentence, then circle and number the following parts separately—wherever each appears--to show: (1) TOPIC + (2) writer's position/opinion (3) the rationale (4) counter arg. phrase:
  
- 2). Copy out the 2 part title, then underline and number the key words that reflect the three (or four) parts of the thesis/claim.
  
- 3). Copy out any key terms/words. *Circle* ones that may need special dictionary defining and explanation.
  
- 4). Characterize the predominating diction of the writing: informal, semi-formal, technical/academic (circle all that apply).
- 5). How many subheadings are included within the paper?
  
- 6). Give a rough count of the number of words presented as direct quote, and its rough percentage of paper (15% tops).
  
- 7). Locate any material (by para.#) that does not have a CLEAR source credit, either as the writer's comment or an authority.
  
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- 12). Copy out one parenthetical or signal phrase credit in the paper and the first word in the bibliographical entry that reflects it.
  
- 13). Write the conclusion that you believe is *necessitated* by the reasons and evidence presented.
  
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