Argument Visual Handout



* **Argument:** The composition of precise claims about an issue, including relevant and sufficient evidence and valid reasoning
* **Central Claim:** An author or speaker’s main point about an issue in an argument
* **Supporting Claim:** Smaller, related points that reinforce or advance the central claim
* **Counterclaim:** A claim that is opposed to an author’s central claim
* **Evidence:** The topical and textual facts, events, and ideas from which the claims of an argument arise, and which are cited to support those claims
* **Reasoning:** The logical relationships among ideas, including relationships among claims and relationships across evidence