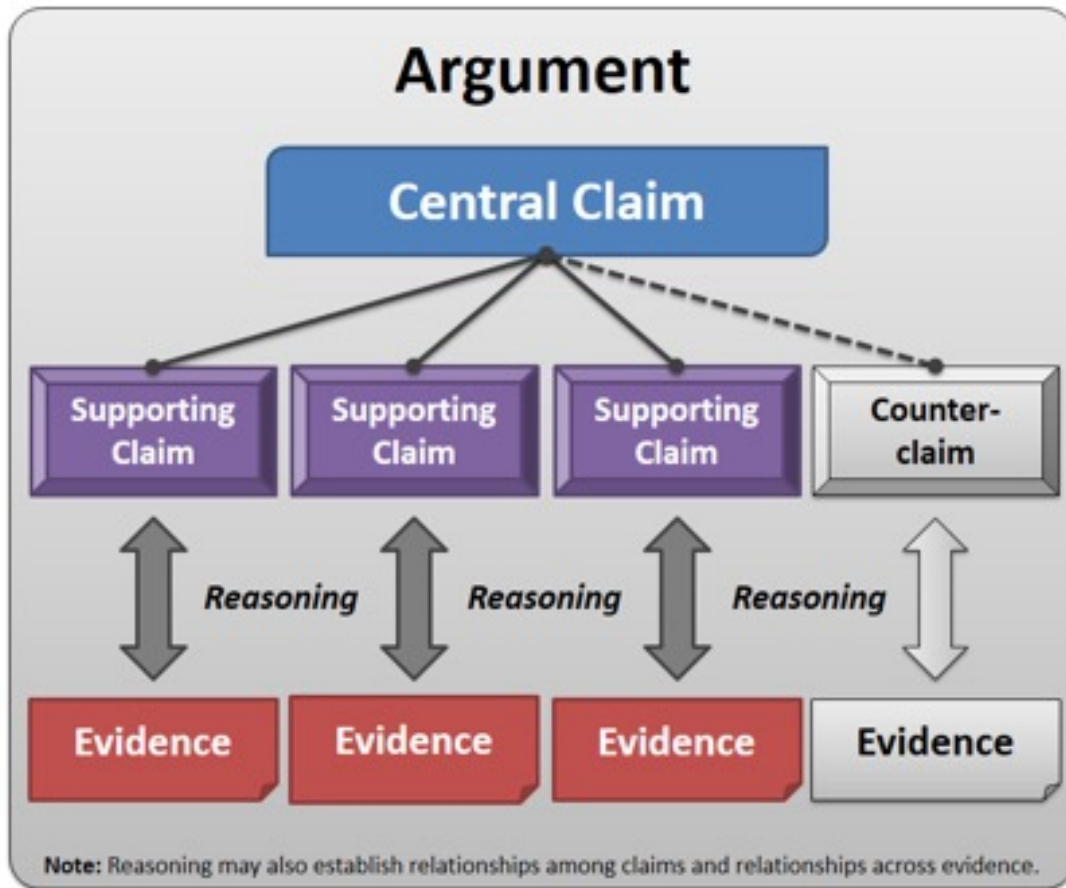


## Argument Visual Handout



- **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

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