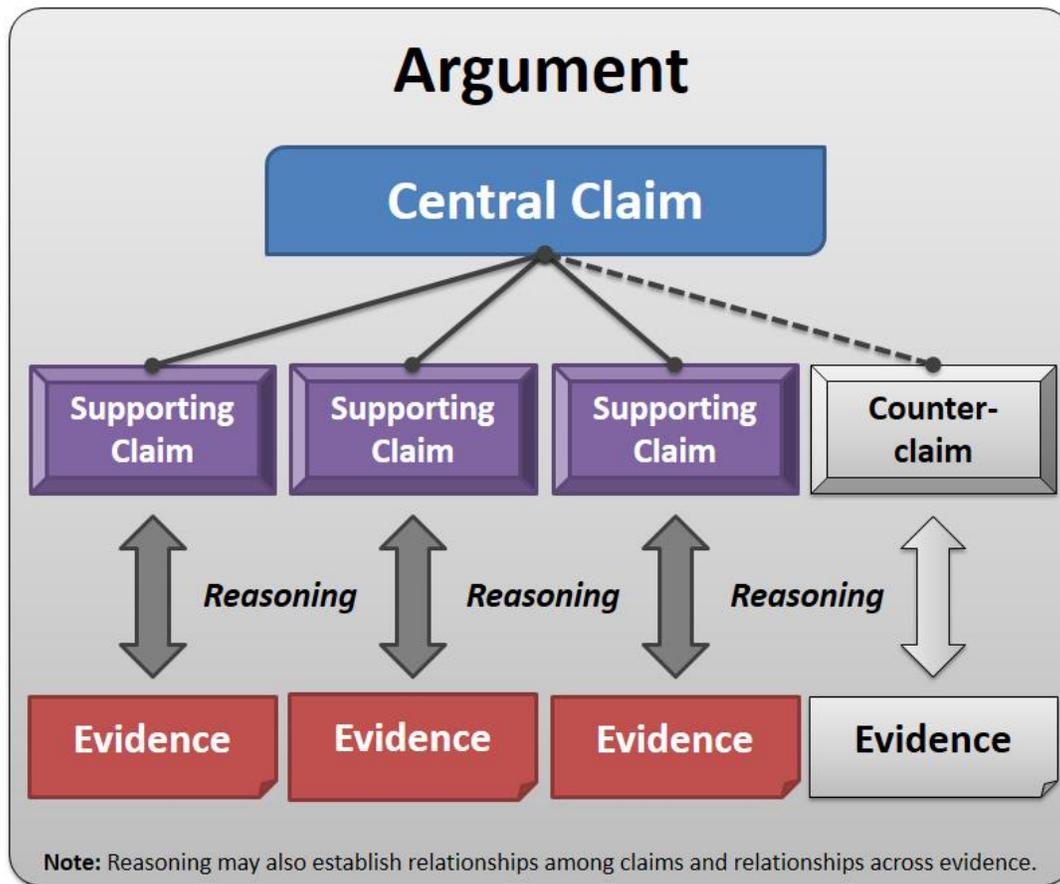


Argument Visual Handout



- **Argument:** The organized collection of clear, definite claims about a topic, including enough evidence that is related to the topic, and logical reasoning
- **Central Claim:** An author or speaker’s main point about an issue
- **Supporting Claim:** Smaller, related points that develop or advance the central claim
- **Counterclaim:** A statement that opposes another claim
- **Evidence:** The facts, events, and ideas that support the claims of an argument
- **Reasoning:** The logical relationships among ideas, including relationships among claims and relationships across evidence