

Argument Matrix: Use as you are gathering evidence and thinking up your reasons

Reason <i>Where will this information be used in your argument?</i>	Evidence <i>What is the information you found to support your argument?</i>	Discussion <i>What do you have to say about this evidence? How do you explain its relevance to your argument?</i>
(Claim +) Reason 1	Examples	Explanation of how the evidence supports your claim and reason
	Statistics	
	Analogies or comparisons	
	Etc.	

Reason	Evidence	Discussion

Developing an argument: Use as you are drafting your sections and paragraphs

Sample organizational structure for an argument

Claim:	Thesis:
Reasons: 1. 2. 3. 4.	

1. Thesis:

2. Reason 1:

a. Evidence:

b. Discussion:

3. Reason 2:

a. Evidence:

b. Discussion

4. Reason 3:

a. Evidence:

b. Discussion

5. Reason 4:

a. Evidence:

b. Discussion

6. Conclusion:

Claim

Reasons

Call to action

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Sample organizational structure for a solution proposal

Problem: Reasons why this is a problem: 1. 2. 3.	Thesis: <i>Because [PROBLEM], [SOLUTION].</i>
Solution: Reasons why this solution works: 1. 2. 3.	

I. Introduction and Thesis:

II. Introduction to the problem

A. Reason 1

1. Evidence
2. Discussion

B. Reason 2

1. Evidence
2. Discussion

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III. Introduction to the solution

A. Reason 1

1. Evidence
2. Discussion

B. Reason 2

1. Evidence
2. Discussion

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IV. Conclusion

Claim

Reasons

Call to action