

Sentence Frames for Making an Argument

Evidence

Evidence includes Facts, Expert Opinion & Narrative (true stories based on your own experiences or others).

Facts

- **Historical Event**
- **Facts from Sources**
- **Statistics:** According to _____,

Expert Opinion

*The first time you paraphrase or quote a source in your writing, include the title & full name of the author. In the rest of your paper, you only need to mention the author's **last name** from that point on when citing that source.

Quoting Experts: As an expert in the field of _____, name of speaker claims, "Quote here."

Studies/Reports: The author describes a study/report conducted in 2015 by name of organization about _____ that found _____.

Research of Others: Focusing on research done by _____, identify who this person is, name of author explains how _____

Narrative

Personal Experiences: Speaking from my own experience, when _____ (explain what occurred)

Stories of Others: Take the case of name of individual who (describe who he/she is & his/her story or experiences).

Interview: In an interview with a/the (identify who this person is like a teacher from K12), Name of Person says, "Quote here."

Testimony: This idea is supported by Name of Person whose story was reported in "Title of Source." In March of 2011, (explain what occurred). He/she reported that "quote."

Analysis

Explain how your evidence supports your claim.

Discuss the significance

- This is important because _____

Define a Concept

- By definition, the word " _____ " means _____
- The definition of _____ isn't just restricted to _____ but can also include _____
- One of the best ways to truly understand what word here means is by understanding what it is not. Word here is NOT _____.
- _____ is often associated with _____.

Compare / Contrast

- This is no different than _____ because _____
- This is similar to _____
- The difference between _____ and _____ is _____

Point out Problems or Concerns

- It is a major problem/ concern that _____

Cause / Effect

- It is important to realize that if _____ then _____
- A possible reason for this is _____
- The effect of _____ will be _____
- The consequences of _____ will be /are _____
- One of the many advantages / disadvantages of _____ is _____
- I predict that because _____, the effect will be _____.

Patterns

There is a pattern of _____. For example, _____

Inferences

- One can infer that _____

How does this evidence match up with your audience's values?

Apply to your own experiences

- In my own experience, _____.
- I have personally observed _____.

Tie to history or current events

- Throughout history, _____
- Historically, _____

