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Argumentative Graphic Organizer (Guide)

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1st Paragraph

Introduction Paragraph

Title of Text, Author, & Main Idea: In "(title of article)," (author's full name) (verb such as *reports*, *presents*, *argues*, *suggests*, etc.) that (main idea).

Claim Statement: Answer the prompt using the same language provided in the prompt. Flip the directive to make a claim. _____ (directive) **because** _____ (your claim—why)



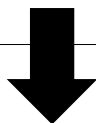
2nd Paragraph

Reason Paragraph

Reason Statement: State your strongest reason that supports your claim.

Evidence: Provide evidence from the text that supports your reason statement. Remember, direct quotes need quotation marks and a proper citation, as directed by your teacher. Paraphrases will need only a proper citation, as directed by your teacher.

Significance Statement: Elaborate how your evidence connects to your reason and supports your claim statement.



Counterclaim Paragraph

Counterclaim: Acknowledge the opposing side of your claim. Begin with a **transition** such as *Critics believe...On the other hand...One could also say...*

Counterclaim Evidence: Provide evidence from the text that supports the **counterclaim**. Remember, quotes need quotation marks and a proper citation, as directed by your teacher. Paraphrases will need only a proper citation, as directed by your teacher.

Refutation: In your own words, explain why the **counterclaim** is invalid and why your **claim statement** is valid.

3rd Paragraph



Conclusion Paragraph

Claim Wrap Up: Restate your claim statement.

Reason Recap: Remind the readers of your reasoning/why your claim is valid.

Call to Action: Provide the readers with a realistic action to take towards a possible solution to the issue.

4th Paragraph