



Guide Sheet for Writing the Arguments in Favour

Name

Contentious statement

Your role is to search for as many arguments as you can find that support the statement. Try to find different sources that will support it. The best sources will have some evidence to help their argument. Evidence can be in the form of case studies or statistics. Try to get a combination of both.

It is very important to realise that you, personally, do not necessarily have to believe the statement true. Even if you disagree, your role is to find the evidence in favour and be convincing about it.

A case study is a story about an individual case that shows this statement is true in this case. It might be personal, in that the person writing may be talking about their own experience, or it might be about another person or group of people. Case studies can be very powerful in appealing to emotion.

Statistical evidence will take a bigger picture and give numbers. This may compare different groups of people, or the same group at different times. This kind of evidence can be very powerful in appealing to reason.

For each source that you have chosen you should do the following things:

1. Summarise the argument they make in your own words.
2. Quote any evidence they give, whether it is statistical or case studies.
3. Make sure that you credit the source of the information by giving a book reference or a web address. This can be done by using footnotes in your article.

At the end, sum up the strongest parts of the argument in favour of the statement. Try to make your argument flow together, so it is easy to read. You are aiming to write a piece that is strongly in favour of your statement, and is convincing to the reader that the statement is true. This will be a combination of your own ideas and the evidence you have found.