

Argument Writing: develop a Meaningful Counterclaim

Directions: Finding and writing about the opposing viewpoints might be a difficult task when it comes to argument writing. However, in order to make your argument as strong as it can be, you need to address other viewpoints and then explain why those viewpoints are incorrect.

Some people may think that _____
is ultimately to blame for the deaths of Romeo and Juliet.

First, think
about what
supporters from
the other side
think.

Then, list as many reasons
you can think of that support
their argument.

because

List reasons they believe this.

Now it's time to crush their
argument.

However, this claim is invalid
because....

Think of a reason that supports
your claim AND proves that
other people are wrong.

Finally, write a great topic
sentence for your counterclaim
paragraph.

Counterclaim Paragraph Topic Sentence
