Choices for Elaborating in Opinion/Argument Writing

When the writer wants to	Your feedback might include 213
Be even more convincing	Quoting from a reliable outside source
	Paraphrasing from reliable research
	Thinking of the reader and choosing words that are most convincing to that reader
	Explaining how the facts you choose to include support your overall point of view
	Studying the verbs and adjectives in your sentences and considering whether you should replace them with bolder words
Acknowledge the other side to strengthen your stance (counterclaim)	Disproving a myth that is considered a fact about the other side
	Naming the other side's position and then explaining why your position is better/stronger/the one with which to side
	Naming the other side's belief and explaining why they should not hold that belief
	Naming the other side's position and explaining why that position is incorrect, false, or otherwise mistaken
Wrap up your opinion/argument	Writing a few sentences that suggest next steps for the reader—a call to action
	Summarizing your major reasons and your point of view
	Highlighting one or two most significant pieces of evidence that support your stance
	Telling a quick story that illustrates a time or outcome when people sided with your argument
	Imagining what could happen if the readers agreed with your side and writing a few sentences to help the reader picture this too

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