



Choices for Elaborating in Opinion/Argument Writing

| When the writer wants to ...  | Your feedback might include ...  |
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| 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 |