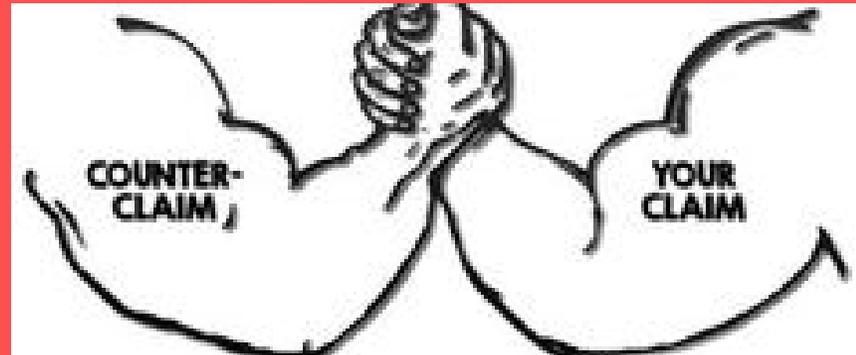


Claims VS Counterclaims



Let's Review!

What is a **claim**?

Your claim is your purpose for writing. It is your point; your stance. Your claims should be written as a fact and should always avoid “I”, “you”, and “my”

What is a **counterclaim**?

It is the opposing (opposite) view of your claim. It's your opponent.





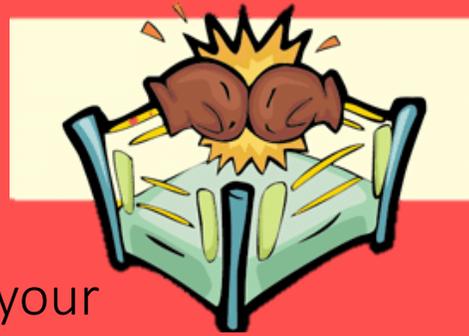
Where do they go?

CLAIM

- This should always be in your Introductory Paragraph
- Referenced and proven (through evidence in your elaboration) in your Body Paragraph
- Restated in your Conclusion

It's the star of your essay so may sure it shines

VS



COUNTERCLAIM

- In order to win an argument you have to address the counterclaim
- You can (but not a requirement) use it as a transition from Intro to Body, or Body to Body
- You can have a paragraph on it, however, unlike your claim you have to refute it and explain why it is wrong

Counterclaims use WAITED words

*These help transition into the counterclaim to keep you more organized, focused, and so the counterclaim doesn't take over the purpose of your writing.

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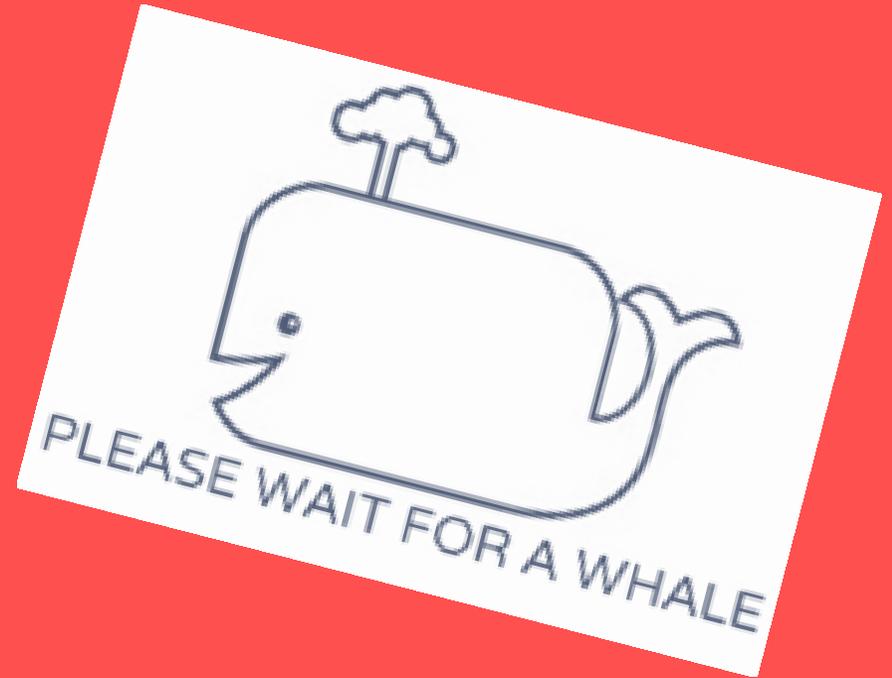
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Here's an example:

Let's use a similar prompt and claim from the PEEL example we used before.

Prompt: Write an argumentative essay in which you take a position on whether or not climate change is the primary cause for the polar ice caps melting. Use information presented in the text to support your points.

Claim: Climate change is definitely the primary cause behind the melting polar ice caps.

Counterclaim: Although some politicians argue that climate change is still debatable, there is evidence to prove that climate change is happening.

Final Round: Writing Application

❖ You are going to create a claim and a counterclaim for the following prompt. Refer to the previous example to help you:

Write an argumentative essay in which you take a position on whether or not Abby Sunderland should have been allowed to take her round-the-world journey by herself. Use evidence from all three texts (“Parents of Teenage Sailor”, “Ship of Fools”, and “Finding Your Everest”) to support your claim and address a counterclaim.

1. Claim:

2. Counterclaim:

