



Argumentative Claim Checklist

The argumentative claim is the foundation for an argumentative essay. It introduces the reader to the main argument you will be making about a topic or issue. Later in the essay, you will continue to build your argument by providing reasons and textual evidence. A strong argumentative claim is debatable, focused, and clear. Use this checklist to ensure that your argumentative claim is a strong foundation for the rest of your essay.

Is my claim....

_____ **Debatable?**

Is it possible for two people to disagree about my claim?

_____ **Focused?**

Is this claim about a specific part of the topic, such as a specific setting or group of people related to the topic?

_____ **Clear?**

Will the reader of my essay know exactly what I am going to write about after reading my claim?

