

Argument-Based Socratic Seminar Response Templates

Simply Agree or Disagree

I agree because _____.
(+1 Point)

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Simply Agree or Disagree

I disagree because _____.
(+1 Point)

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Simply Agree or Disagree, Following Summary

_____ argued that _____.

I agree because _____.

(+2 points)

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Simply Agree or Disagree, Following Summary

_____ argued that _____.
I disagree because _____.

(+2 points)

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Developing the Argument

I'd like to build on _____'s idea.

(+1 point)

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Developing the Argument

I understand, and I would add that

(+1 point)

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Developing the Argument

That makes sense because

(+1 point)

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Developing the Argument, Following Summary

I'd like to build on _____'s idea that
_____.

I'd add _____. (+2 points)

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Developing the Argument, Following Summary

I understand the argument that

_____, and I would add
that _____. (+2 points)

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Developing the Argument, Following Summary

That point that _____
makes sense because _____.

(+2 points)

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Adding Evidence

Another piece of evidence that supports that point is

(+1 point)

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Adding Evidence

There's another example of _____'s
argument that _____.
It's _____. (+1 point)

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Disagreeing, with Reasons

_____’s claim that _____
makes the questionable assumption that
_____. (+2 points)

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Disagreeing, with Reasons

By focusing on _____,
_____ overlooks the deeper
problem/issue of _____. (+2 points)

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Introducing Contradicting Evidence

_____’s argument is _____.
But I think there’s evidence that contradicts that
point. _____. (+3 points)

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Introducing Contradicting Evidence

_____ refers to evidence that says
_____. But better evidence supports
the opposite view: _____. (+3 points)

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Nuanced Difference in Viewpoint

Another way to interpret that evidence is

(+2 points)

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Nuanced Difference in Viewpoint

_____’s position is _____.
I think the truth is more complex, since
_____. (+2 points)

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Nuanced Difference in Viewpoint (+2 points)

I don't agree with the argument that _____, though
I do agree with _____'s overall point that _____.
The important argument is actually _____.

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Argument Evaluation: Making Strategic Concessions

Though I concede that _____,
I still insist that _____.

(+2 points)

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Argument Evaluation: Making Strategic Concessions

Although I grant that _____,
I still maintain that _____.

(+2 points)

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Argument Evaluation: Making Strategic Concessions

While it may be true that _____,
my argument that _____ is still
true. The key point is _____. (+2 points)

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Argument Evaluation: Evidence Analysis (+3)

There is disagreement about _____.
However, my evidence is stronger than the other
argument's evidence because _____.

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Argument Evaluation: Evidence Analysis (+3)

The other side in this dispute is right that its evidence says _____. But the most compelling evidence proves that _____.