

Activity: Argument Model Completion

Directions

The models should be presented, defined, and discussed; all students should generate one question they have about the models to propel the discussion. Next, students should be put in pairs. In pairs, they should work on completing the argument model form for each of the three issues. Note that the overall response to the issue is a **position**. What students are being asked to do is to create a fully developed argument to support a position: an evidence-based reason for their position. The activity should conclude with sharing out and discussing.

Debatable Issues

Model Issue #1

Is Chicago the capitol of the Midwest?

Model Issue #2

The United States should renounce the use of a military option against North Korea.

Issue #1

Does *Romeo & Juliet* teach us that love should be pure and absolute, or that it should be moderate and cautious.

Issue #2

Should Bruce Rauner be re-elected in the 2018 Illinois gubernatorial election?

Issue #3

Nuclear power should play a crucial role in the world's transition to green-only, environmentally safe sources of energy.