

Ten Essential Argument Stems

Agree or Disagree

- _____ argued that _____. I agree because _____.
- _____ argued that _____. I disagree because _____.

Develop the Argument

- I'd like to build on _____'s idea that _____. I'd add _____.
- The point that _____ made that _____ makes sense because _____.

Support or Refute with Evidence

- There's another example of _____'s argument that _____. It's _____.
- _____ refers to evidence that says _____. But better evidence supports a different view. _____ shows that _____.

Evaluate the Arguments

- Another way to interpret that evidence is _____ instead of _____.
- Although I concede that _____, I still believe that _____.
- While it may be true that _____, my argument that _____ is still valid. The key point is _____.
- There is a disagreement about _____. However, my evidence is stronger than the other argument's evidence because _____.