

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 makes sense because _____.

Support or Refute with Evidence

- There's another example of _____'s argument that _____. It's _____.
- _____ brought up evidence that says _____. But there is better evidence that says _____.

Evaluate the Arguments

- Another way to understand what that evidence is says is _____.
- Although _____ is right that _____, I still believe _____.
- It may be true that _____, but my point that _____ is still correct. The key point is _____.
- There is a disagreement about _____. However, I have presented better evidence because it _____.