

Argument-Centered Education -- Critique Builder

MODEL: SOCCER IS BEST

Argumentative Position (the position that you are critiquing)

Soccer is the best sport in the world.

Argumentative Counter-Position (the position that your counter-claim supports)

Argumentative Claim (the claim that you are critiquing)

Soccer is simply the most well-loved sport in the world.

Argumentative Counter-Claim (the claim that your critique supports)

Evidence (evidence that supports the argument you are critiquing)

For the World Cup soccer championship in 2014, there were 909.6 million viewers for at least 30 minutes of the games. That same year, There were 111.5 million viewers around the world for the Super Bowl (Charles Doty, Beutler Ink website, an international marketing firm, accessed June 18, 2018).

Critique of Evidence

Reasoning (reasoning that supports the argument you are critiquing)

This comparison in the viewing audience of soccer and football is recent and authoritative, since it compares "apples to apples," the pinnacle soccer championship and the pinnacle American sport's championship, football. Because soccer is truly enjoyed internationally its dominance over even the strongest regional rival is overwhelming: more than eight times as many people watch and love soccer as football. There is no better way to rank sports than to count the number of their fans. Sports are entertainment to their audiences; the size of the sport's audience is the key metric. And soccer's audiences not only grant it the title of best sport in the world, but they suggest that no other sport is even in the running.

Critique of Reasoning