

## Argument-Centered Education -- Critique Builder

### MODEL: SOCCER IS NOT BEST

Argumentative Position (the position that you are critiquing)	Argumentative Counter-Position (the position that your counter-claim supports)
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Soccer is not the best sport in the world.

Argumentative Claim (the claim that you are critiquing)	Argumentative Counter-Claim (the claim that your critique supports)
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Soccer has long stretches of scorelessness, which makes it too unexciting to be the best sport.

Evidence (evidence that supports the argument you are critiquing)	Critique of Evidence
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In 1900 the average number of goals in a World Cup soccer game was 4.6. By 2010, that number had fallen to 2.4. "This is a worrying trend. Due to advances in defensive strategies, it is possible that we may witness goals dying out altogether" (Chris Anderson, professor of statistics, Cornell U., Slate.com, May 13, 2013).

Reasoning (reasoning that supports the argument you are critiquing)	Critique of Reasoning
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This statistical evidence comes from the most prestigious and important soccer competition and reveals an almost 50% reduction in the number of goals in today's game. It is fair to conclude that the average soccer game is won 2 - 1 or 2 - 0. Scoring is too closely connected to the excitement a sport generates for this fact to be dismissed. Soccer observers sit through nearly three hours to watch only two or three goals; less than one per hour of watching time. The game is simply too slow from a scoring standpoint to ever be called the world's greatest game.