

Review: Building Arguments

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Date _____

Your Turn

Answer each of the following questions.

1. In an argument, what is a claim?

A claim is a position statement, or the key point in an argument.

2. What are the two ways to consider key objections to your position?

(1) To counter them

(2) To concede them

3. When you form your argument, what is the best way to convince your audience to accept your claim?

To convince your audience, support your claim with solid evidence.

4. Should you make a call to action at the beginning of an argument or at the end of it?

At the end of it

5. What is the difference between an opinion and a fact?

An opinion is a personal view or belief; a fact is knowledge that can be checked for accuracy.

6. Which of the following is *not* an effective type of evidence?

- a. examples **d. exaggerations**
 b. quotations e. reasons
 c. definitions

7. Which of these statements exhibits faulty logic?

- a. If we don't combat its spread, blue-green algae may appear earlier and earlier.
b. If we don't combat its spread, blue-green algae will ruin our great state.

Reflect:

What are two important things you have learned about building effective arguments?
