
Arguing in Science

Introduction

Choose one of the following topics:

Favorite Sports Team

Favorite YouTube Personality

Favorite Movie

Favorite Musician

Favorite Type of Food

Practice

Write a paragraph explaining why you chose what you did.

Make sure to indicate how it is better than other versions of that same subject.

Don't forget to use specific examples that support your opinion.

Your response should be about 7 sentences long.

Paragraphs

- Every paragraph needs to argue one main point/claim/argument/assertion
 - There can be other ideas but they need to support the original claim
- Your writing should follow a basic pattern
 - Claim
 - Evidence
 - Reasoning
- Become a CERCERER

Example with statistics

Claim: The San Francisco Giants are the best team in baseball over the last 10 years.

Evidence: They won the World Series in 2010, 2012, and 2014.

Reasoning: Though other teams, like the St. Louis Cardinals, have also been to many World Series, this string of victories makes the Giants the best.

Examples can also be quotes

Claim: The San Francisco Giants are the best team in baseball over the last 10 years.

Evidence: Lastly, John Paul Morosi called the team a “dynasty” since they have won with “style, class, and star power.”

Reasoning: Though other teams may have had successful seasons in recent years, none have had enough success to be labeled a dynasty.

You can also use sub-claims

Claim: The Giants greatness has been tremendously helped by the dominance of pitchers like Tim Lincecum and Madison Bumgarner.

Evidence: Few pitchers have been more dominant with sub-3.00 ERAs in their best seasons during that time span.

Reasoning: Having such an excellent statistics guarantees their role as best team.

Clean up and connect the final product with transitions

The San Francisco Giants are the best team in baseball over the last 10 years. They won the World Series in 2010, 2012, and 2014. Though other teams, like the St. Louis Cardinals, have also been to many World Series, this string of victories makes the Giants the best. In addition, The Giants greatness has been tremendously helped by the dominance of pitchers like Tim Lincecum and Madison Bumgarner. Few pitchers have been more dominant with sub-3.00 ERAs in their best seasons during that time span. Having such an excellent statistics guarantees their role as best team. Lastly, John Paul Morosi called the team a “dynasty” since they have won with “style, class, and star power.” (“Dynasty,” *Foxsports.com*) Though other teams may have had successful seasons in recent years, none have had enough success to be labeled a dynasty.

WHAT NOT TO DO

- Avoid pointless sentences like:
 - “And that is why I think the San Francisco Giants are a good baseball team”
 - “This essay is about the San Francisco Giants”
- Avoid using too much evidence
 - Evidence is important, but you can’t have a paragraph that is just facts and quotes.
- Look to write your sentences with fewer words.
 - Make your language count with **quality not quantity**

Human Cloning

Read the article on cloning, titled “Human Cloning? Stem Cell Advance Reignites Ethics Debate “

Should we continue pursuing human cloning technologies?

Answer in a paragraph of 7-10 sentences. Be sure to include at least 2 pieces of evidence to support your claims.
