

Analyzing an Argument

Student Resource

Use the template below to determine the context of an argument.

Questions to evaluate the argument	Answer	Evidence from the text
What is the writer's/speaker's purpose? What does he/she hope to accomplish?		
Who is the audience?		
What assumptions about the audience does the writer/speaker make?		
What authority does the writer/speaker have that makes him/her credible?		
What claims does the writer/speaker make?		
What issues are addressed or ignored?		

