

Argument Reaction Guide

Part I Directions: Respond to each of the following statements below.

**If you agree with the statement, put a plus sign: “+”.

**If you disagree with the statement, put a minus sign: “-”.

**If you are unsure of your belief, put a question mark: “?”.

**If you do not understand the quote, circle the statement. “O”

-----1). We engage in argumentation everyday in our lives.

-----2). A well-structured argument has claim, evidence and reasoning chains.

_____3). Argument and debate are the same thing.

_____4). Your opinion should be stated in any well-structured argument.

_____5). Warrants and backing should be included in any well-reasoned argument.

_____6). Arguments are structured according to a traditional five- paragraph essay.

_____7). Claims are statements of fact or opinion.

_____8). What counts as evidence varies from content area (discipline) to content area (discipline).

_____9). Warrants are commonsense rules that people accept as generally true, laws, scientific principles, and/or thoughtfully argued definitions.

-----10). A thesis statement will ultimately serve as your conclusion in a well-structured argument.

-----11). Well-structured arguments do not anticipate counterclaims or differing claims, since they may confuse the reader.

-----12). An argumentative essay and a persuasive essay are the same thing.