Building Arguments

Khi tranh biện, em cần xây dựng được những lập luận thật rõ ràng. Trước tiên, em phải chọn được các lập luận hỗ trợ tốt cho lập luận chính của mình. Sau đó, hãy tìm những dẫn chứng củng cố cho từng lập luận hỗ trợ đó. Cuối cùng, em cần giải thích vì sao lập luận của đối thủ lại không đúng. Đó gọi là phản biện.

Main Argument → Supporting Arguments → Supporting Examples → Counterargument

Đọc những câu hỏi dưới đây và chọn câu trả lời phù hợp nhất.

1. Which sentence best summarizes the main argument in favor of having students grade their teachers?

a. Students are too young to give accurate grades to their teachers.

b. Schools should grade teachers based on students' test scores.

c. Students should be allowed to share what they think of their teachers.

2. Which sentence is a supporting argument for the main argument you chose?

a. Students best know how good their teachers are.

b. Most students do not understand what makes a teacher good.

c. Teaching can be a very difficult and tiring job.

3. Which sentence gives a good supporting example for the supporting argument you chose above?

a. Most teachers have to do extra work at home and on the weekends.

b. Students are the ones in their classes and know how their teachers perform.

c. Many students like teachers who play a lot of games and do not give much work.

4. Which sentence is the best counterargument against the opposite team?

a. Students should spend class time studying, not grading their teachers.

b. Even if students give unfair grades, schools should listen to their opinions.

c. Experts do not know if grading by students is the best way to measure teachers' ability.

Answers: p 110

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Opinion Examples

Đọc ý kiến của hai bạn học sinh dưới đây rồi hoàn thành câu tóm tắt bên dưới.

Main Argument

Students should be allowed to grade their teachers.

Answers: p 110

Students should grade teachers for sure! 05

Teachers need to be graded, and students are the best people to do it. Students learn from their teachers for many months. They know exactly how well their teachers teach and how much their teachers care about them. Other adults who try to grade teachers cannot tell these things just by watching one or two classes. Schools need to trust their students to grade their teachers well.

Summary Cindy states that students know how well their teachers _____ and how much they _____ about students.

Letting students grade teachers is a bad idea. 06

Students are not mature enough to grade teachers. They do not know which teachers are the best. For example, students would not like teachers that make them work hard and learn a lot. So they would not give them fair grades. On the other hand, students would give high grades to teachers who do not actually teach and let the students play during class.

Summary Evan says that students are not _____ enough to give good teachers _____ grades because they do not know which teachers are the best.

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