

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 cung cấp 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.

- Which sentence best summarizes the main argument in favor of requiring community service?
 - It is wrong to make students do community service.
 - Schools should make students do volunteer work.
 - People between the ages of 18 and 35 are more likely to do community service.
- Which sentence is a supporting argument for the main argument you chose?
 - It will help students have a better understanding of their communities.
 - Most students will not try their best when they are forced to do community service.
 - Students who want to do community service will volunteer in the future.
- Which sentence gives a good supporting example for the supporting argument you chose above?
 - One of the most popular types of volunteer work is helping the homeless.
 - Students must spend many hours each day studying and doing homework.
 - Based on their volunteer experience, students can learn about other people.
- Which sentence is the best counterargument against the opposite team?
 - If adults teach students how to work, then they will do a good job.
 - Not all schools require students to do community service to graduate.
 - It is hard for students to travel to community service locations without a car.

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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

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Community service should be mandatory for all students.

All students must do community service.

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Cindy

Requiring students to do community service is a good idea. Students need to learn more about life outside the classroom. They can see how different kinds of people live. And when they do community service, they have a chance to do something good for society. They can help people who have hard lives by serving food to homeless people.

Summary

Cindy thinks students can learn how other people and help people who have

lives.

Requiring community service is not such a good idea.

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Evan

I think that making all students do community service is wrong. The work that students do is usually not helpful for themselves. They have to do jobs such as cleaning bathrooms and putting items in boxes. This work does not teach students any important lessons. It would be better for students to spend more time in class instead.

Summary

Evan's argument is that community service work is not and that students should spend more time in instead.