



# Counterclaim

Choose a word from the box to complete each sentence.

rebut

opposes

identifying

anticipate

discredit

credibility

1. A counterclaim is an argument that \_\_\_\_\_ your thesis statement.
2. Counterclaims attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the main points of your argument.
3. When writing your argumentative essay, it is important to \_\_\_\_\_ what the counterclaims to your thesis might be.
4. Your thesis paragraph is where you tell the reader what you are claiming and how you plan to prove it, which includes \_\_\_\_\_ counterclaims and why they are incorrect.
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ each counterclaim in detail later in the essay.
6. Part of a writer's \_\_\_\_\_ depends on demonstrating to the reader that they have considered possible counterclaims and have found them to be insubstantial or invalid.