

# Argument Writing Lingo

## **Thesis Statement**

Consists of the claim + the main reasons.

## **Claim**

The writer's position; what the writer is claiming to be right or true.

## **Reasons (mini-claims in each paragraph)**

Reasons support the original claim in the thesis statement and become the mini-claim in the supporting paragraphs. The reasons function as a mini-claim or topic sentence within each paragraph.

## **Evidence**

Used to support and prove your claim and reasons. Needs to be found in the text and should be relevant.

## **Explanation/Warrant**

Explains why your reasons and evidence are legitimate. A warrant completes the sentence "As a rule . . ." to prove the conclusions drawn from the evidence in support of the claim.

## **Counterarguments**

Acknowledges a different claim. Addressing an opinion that differs from your own.