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Analyzing Arguments

Opposing Points of View

Part I

You will read two separate editorials, or opinion pieces, about the same issue

Read and annotate each article carefully. The annotation for this assignment consists on clearly identifying and labeling the elements of a good persuasive essay as follows:

- A clear position or claim
- Arguments/reasons that support the claim
- Anticipation of reader's concern or objection
- Refutation of the reader concern (counterargument)
- A call to action
- Appeal to emotion (pathos)
- Appeal to logic (logos)
- Appeal to ethics (ethos)

Part II

Choose the **one** article that you agree with the most, and answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper:

1. Who is the author? What are his/her credentials?
2. Do you think the author has the authority or expertise to give his/her opinion in this matter?
3. What is the author's claim?
4. List three good reasons that support the author's claim
5. Does the author provide a reader concern/anticipate an objection? Does he provide a counterargument? Explain in detail
6. Give two examples of **effective** rhetorical devices the author uses (see list above). Why are they effective?

Extended response (2-4 paragraphs)

What is your own opinion in this matter? Support with reasonable arguments.

Rubric:

Claim, arguments, reader concerns, counterarguments and a call to action are clearly identified and labeled in the articles____/15

Questions are completely and thoughtfully answered, following guidelines for literature responses____/10

Extended response is complete and well articulated____/10

Grammar and spelling are correct, with minimal errors____/5

Total:

____/40