

Name _____ **Counterclaim**

Refuting Counterclaims

A counterclaim is an argument that opposes your thesis statement. Counterclaims attempt to discredit or disprove the main points of your argument. When writing your argumentative essay, it is important to anticipate what the counterclaims to your thesis might be.

Write down expected counterclaims you will include in your essay and how you will refute them. Choose an appropriate transition word to move between presenting each counterclaim and how you plan to refute it.

Expected Counterclaim	Transition Word	How I Will Refute It

