

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Argumentation**



# Identifying Counterclaims

A **counterclaim** is an argument that *opposes* your thesis statement. Counterclaims attempt to discredit or disprove the main points of your argument. When making an argument, it is important to anticipate what the counterclaims to your claim (thesis) might be.

My claim is \_\_\_\_\_

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What are three possible counterclaims? Write one in each box.