



An Ongoing Debate

When you are presenting evidence for or against an issue in which there is ongoing debate, summarizing both sides of the debate will demonstrate to your reader that you are aware of the conflicting viewpoints surrounding your claim. You can then make it clear to your reader where your claim fits into the debate. The following are some templates to use for presenting evidence in a way that acknowledges an ongoing debate.

- On the topic of ____, there has been some controversy. On the one hand, ____; on the other _____. What I have found suggests that _____.
- The following evidence seems to inconclusively prove _____. Nonetheless, there are many who hold out that _____.
- When it comes to ____, it is hard to argue with ____, who _____. Still, many do. _____, for example, maintains that _____.

DIRECTIONS: Choose one of the templates above. Write several sentences you can use in your essay that acknowledge the ongoing debate surround the issue, and how the evidence you are presenting fits into that debate.
