

Toulmin Arguments

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Qualifier Claim Ground A term or condition that limits A statement of belief or truth that Evidence that supports your claim the claims and warrants; for usually begins an argument; it instance: Personal Experience should be: few / many **Facts** Convincible to the maker some / most Data Controversial in some cases Debatable if it were Tailored to the audience Warrant Rebuttal Connects grounds and claim An objection to an argument; may be avoided by introducing Often unstated and assumed proper qualifiers **Cultural** assumption Should not be controversial **Important Tips Backing** Claims and warrants suggest the scope of the evidence Evidence that supports the warrant Put claims and reason together early

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