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Argument Writing: Parts of an Argument #2

When you write an **argument**, you are trying to convince your reader that your opinion is correct. A strong argument has five key parts.

Claim	A statement of opinion. This is the topic of your argument.
Evidence	Proof or facts that support your claim.
Counter-Argument	An argument that your reader would make if they disagreed with your claim.
Rebuttal	Your response to the counter-argument.
Conclusion	A strong restatement of the original claim.

Underline each part of the following argument using the colors listed above.

Hey Kenny! We should play basketball instead of baseball after school today. Basketball is better because we can play no matter how many people show up. If we're the only ones playing, we can play one-on-one or we can play "Horse." When we play baseball, we need at least six people to play with us. A lot of people, like Jake and Penelope, think that baseball is more fun because they like hitting the ball over the fence and stealing bases. But the truth is that we always end up having more fun when we play basketball because we don't have to wait for people to go get the ball from the street. So, let's meet at the basketball courts at 4:00 pm.

Now, try writing your own argument on a separate sheet of paper!

Remember to include all five parts of an effective argument.

Then, underline each part of your argument in the appropriate color.