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Argument Writing: Pre-Writing Organizer

When you make an **argument**, you are making a claim that you believe is true. For example, you might argue that you should be allowed to have a pet dog. To make an effective argument and convince your reader you are right, you will need to provide examples or evidence that support your claim.

A **counter-argument** is a statement that opposes your claim. For example, your parents might argue that you are not responsible enough for a pet dog. Addressing a counter-argument in your writing will make your claim stronger!

Use the chart below to brainstorm each part of your argument.

Topic: _____

Claim What do you believe?	
Evidence Give examples that support your claim.	
Counter-Argument What might someone say if they disagreed with you?	
Rebuttal What would you say to the person who disagreed with you to change their mind?	
Conclusion Restate your claim in a powerful way!	