Argumentation Checklist

Use the following checklist to self-assess your rough draft of an argument.

- [ ] I clearly introduce my claim(s).
- [ ] I acknowledge and dispute counterclaims.
- [ ] I organize my reasons and evidence logically.
- [ ] I support my claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence.
- [ ] I use accurate and credible sources.
- [ ] I demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text.
- [ ] I use media effectively to support my claims.
- [ ] I use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among my claim(s), reasons, and evidence.
- [ ] I establish and maintain a formal style.
- [ ] I provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
- [ ] I vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
- [ ] I choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal relationships among ideas.
- [ ] I have proofread for Standard English language usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

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