

## Discussing Your Evidence In An Argument Essay

In a criminal trial, the prosecuting attorney wouldn't just throw down a bloody glove as evidence and walk away. He or she would talk about the evidence and help the jury to understand how this evidence is significant in proving guilt. You must do the same in your own arguments. Analysis explains how the evidence you just presented supports your claim adding new and original thought and insight about its connection to your argument. Below are some strategies for doing this.

### Define a Concept

- By definition, the word "\_\_\_\_\_" means \_\_\_\_\_
- The definition of \_\_\_\_\_ isn't just restricted to \_\_\_\_\_ but can also include \_\_\_\_\_
- One of the best ways to truly understand what word here means is by understanding what it is not. Word here is NOT \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is often associated with \_\_\_\_\_.

### Compare / Contrast

- This is no different than \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_
- This is similar to \_\_\_\_\_

### Point out Problems or Concerns

- It is a major problem/ concern that \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

### Cause / Effect

- It is important to realize that if \_\_\_\_\_ then \_\_\_\_\_
- A possible reason for this is \_\_\_\_\_
- The consequences of \_\_\_\_\_ will be/are \_\_\_\_\_

### Advantages/ Disadvantages

- One of the advantages / disadvantages of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_
- This means that if you \_\_\_\_\_

**Point out how this evidence is part of a larger pattern or shows a change in pattern** (this might include adding additional evidence as part of your analysis to show this)

- There is a pattern of \_\_\_\_\_. For example, \_\_\_\_\_

### Apply the evidence to your own experiences and that of others, especially large groups

- In my own experience, \_\_\_\_\_.
- I have personally observed how true \_\_\_\_\_ is. For example, \_\_\_\_\_.

### Provide more specific examples from your life, current events, history, etc. related to the evidence you just presented

Example: If you quote an author talking about how social media can be used for civil rights protest and to create political action, in your analysis, discuss specific examples about how the #MeToo and Parkland Never Again movements began through social media to create change.

### Cite another document or source or expert as you discuss your evidence and discuss the connection or relationship.

- According to the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the US Constitution, ...
- Holocaust survivor, Elie Wiesel, might point out ...

### Tie the evidence to history or current events to show a pattern, similarity or difference

- Throughout history, \_\_\_\_\_
- More specific examples that support this idea include recent events like \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_
- Just recently, \_\_\_\_\_

### Apply the evidence to a hypothetical scenario

- During \_\_\_\_\_, imagine if \_\_\_\_\_  
*Example:* During the Holocaust, imagine if the Nazis had access to a Kayla doll that could spy on children and families in their own homes. Having access to people's personal political beliefs, especially if they do not support the government in power, makes people vulnerable to becoming targets.

### Make a future prediction about the implications of this evidence

- Based on this evidence, it's not hard to foresee how in the future \_\_\_\_\_.

### Explain how the evidence matches up with your audience's values and how/why

- Thinking about what we value, \_\_\_\_\_