1. Identify **issue** (topic at debate):

2. Determine **claim** (stance towards issue):

3. Identify **qualifiers** (restrictions to a claim):

4. Identify exception (situations not covered by claim)

5. Determine **claim clause** (qualifier + claim + exception):

_____

Q (qualifier)

_____

C (claim)

except _____

E (exception)

6. Identify reasons (support for claim)

    1.

    2.

    3.

7. Create **reason clauses** (supports claim):

because _____
R^1 (reason)

because _____
R^2 (reason)

because _____
R^3 (reason)

8. Create **argument statement** (claim clause + reason clause = argument statement):

_____

Q (qualifier)

_____

C (claim)

except

_____

E (exception)

because

_____

R¹ (reason)

because

_____

R² (reason)

because

_____

R³ (reason)