

Argument Structure Checklist + Signal Bank

This checklist helps teachers guide students through writing structured and persuasive argumentative or problem-solution essays.

I. Argument Structure Checklist

Component	Description
Thesis	Clearly states a specific claim or position.
Reasons	Provide logical reasons supporting the thesis.
Evidence	Include examples, facts, or data for each reason.
Counter-Argument	Acknowledge an opposing view clearly.
Refutation	Respond convincingly to the opposing view.
Conclusion	Summarizes main points and reinforces the thesis.

II. Signal Bank (for linking arguments)

Adding: furthermore, in addition, moreover, what is more

Contrasting: however, on the other hand, nevertheless, yet

Conceding: although, even though, while it is true that, granted that

Giving Examples: for example, for instance, to illustrate, such as

Cause/Effect: therefore, as a result, consequently, because of this

Summarizing: in conclusion, to sum up, overall, in short