

Counterclaim Paragraph

When writing an argumentative essay, you need to acknowledge the valid points of the other side of the argument (counterclaim). Otherwise, you will come off sounding narrow-minded and thereby less effective. Rather than weakening your paper, a good counterclaim paragraph will actually strengthen your essay by showing that you have thoughtfully considered both sides of the issue before arriving at your own claim.

On the other hand, some people say that rock music contains lyrics that are both provocative and rebellious. This point of view makes sense because in the article it states that “one form of rock music, punk rock, concentrates purely on antisocial subjects as a basis for its songs”. However, rock music itself is not enough to make a teenager rebel against society because the article also says that the average teenager does not take it seriously and concentrates more on the musical value of the songs rather than the inner meaning of the lyrics. Therefore, even though lyrics in rock and roll music show hints of anarchy and social rebellion, it is not a threat to society.

Phrases to introduce the counterclaim:

On the other hand, some people say

Admittedly, some people say

Certainly, some people say

Phrases to address the original claim:

However

Nevertheless

On the other hand

Phrases to conclude the paragraph:

Thus

Therefore

As a result