

AP English Lang Unit 9

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Overview of Unit 9:

3C. Explain ways claims are qualified through modifiers, counter arguments, and alternative perspectives.

4C. Qualify a claim using modifiers, counter arguments, or alternative perspectives.

Counter Arguments

- Claims can also be justified through counter arguments. To make your argument more valid, you should recognize the other side of the argument.
- A counter argument, or counterclaim, is a point made against your claim.
- Counter arguments make your writing more well-rounded and helps give the audience a better understanding.
- After asserting your counterclaim, make sure to explain why your argument is more valid.
- Counter arguments can make your essay more persuasive by demonstrating to the reader that you have considered all aspects of the argument.

Claims

- A claim is essentially an arguable statement. Claims do not simply state an obvious fact, but make a statement that requires a defense or justification. There are 3 main types:
- **Claim of Fact:** Is something true, or not? Facts can become arguable when they question someone's beliefs or if they are controversial.
- **Claim of Value:** What is something worth? These claims argue if something is good or bad, wrong or right, or if something is desirable or undesirable. When writing a claim of value, you must state the extent to which something you argue is true.
- **Claim of Policy:** These claims propose a change to a policy/rule or attitude/perspective.
- Claims are justified through evidence