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Arguing a Position **Quiz #4**

According to our Course Text,

List/Cite the key features of an argument:

1 .A Clear and Arguable Position~

At the heart of every argument is a claim with which people may reasonably disagree. To be arguable, a position must reflect one of at least two points of view, making reasoned argument necessary.

2. Necessary Background Information~

We need to provide some background on a topic we are arguing so that readers can understand what is being argued.

3. Good Reasons~

A position does not make an argument; the argument comes when a writer offers good reasons to back the position up.

4. Convincing Evidence-

Offer evidence for your reasons, facts, statistics, expert testimony, anecdotal evidence, case studies and textual evidence.

5. Appeal to the Reader's Values~

Effective arguments appeal to readers' values and emotions.

6. Trustworthy Tone~

Arguments stand or fall on the way readers perceive the writer. Readers need to trust the person making the argument. Demonstrate that you know what you are talking about. Show that you are fair, honest and have some experience with the subject.

7. Demonstrate a careful consideration of other positions~

Others may disagree, offer counter-arguments or hold other positions. Consider other views by acknowledging and refuting if possible in your argument.