**Assessing the Claim via the Toulmin Model**

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| **Toulmin Model** | **Example(s) from the Essay** |
| **The Claim** • Is it debatable? Is it valid?• Is the focus narrow enough for the writing required? • Does it establish the argument? |  |
| **The Evidence (Grounds)** • Does it support the claim? • Does it include facts or statistics? • Does it include examples? • Is it based on an expert’s or the writer’s personal opinion? |  |
| **The Warrants**• Does it explain the pieces of evidence? • Does it connect evidence to the claim? • Is it reasonable? • Does it make assumptions? • Is it logical? |  |
| **The Counterclaim** • Does the writer include information that disagrees with the original claim? • Is it reasonable? • What is the evidence that supports the counterclaim? | Counterclaim 1:Rebuttal:Counterclaim 2:Rebuttal:Counterclaim 3:Rebuttal: |
| **The Rebuttal** • Does it explain why the counterclaim does not work? • What is the evidence used to support the rebuttal? |