**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? |