

# Focus Sheet

## Argument Essay

### HELPS: Getting and Organizing Your Reasons

CATEGORIES OF REASONS FOR	CATEGORIES OF REASONS AGAINST
<b>H</b> Historic, Political, Legal	<b>H</b> Historic, Political, Legal
<b>E</b> Economic, Resource Utilization	<b>E</b> Economic, Resource Utilization
<b>L</b> Literary, Aesthetic	<b>L</b> Literary, Aesthetic
<b>P</b> Personal, Ethical, Religious	<b>P</b> Personal, Ethical, Religious
<b>S</b> Scientific	<b>S</b> Scientific

**Three Part Claim:** 1. Counterclaim 2. Claim 3. Reasons

Although \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
(insert counterclaim)

\_\_\_\_\_ .  
(insert arguable topic and position without using "I")

\_\_\_\_\_ .  
(succinctly state the category or categories of reasons without details in the order they will be presented in the essay)