

ARGUMENT WRITING VOCABULARY
STUDY THESE FOR QUIZ ON FRIDAY, DEC. 11TH

1. **argument** - an attempt to persuade someone on a topic open to debate
2. **author's point of view** - how the author feels about the situation or topic
3. **claim/thesis** - a statement of the author's point of view
4. **counterclaim** - an opposing claim that disagrees with the thesis
5. **credible source** - a reliable resource the writer can use to cite information
6. **formal style** - using a professional choice of words and tone/attitude
7. **reasoning** - the explanations of why the author feels the way he or she does
8. **refute** - to disprove a statement or theory
9. **relevant evidence** - facts, details, examples, etc. that support the writer's reasoning
10. **sound** - a way to describe an argument when it's based on logic/common sense
11. **sufficient evidence** - when there's enough support to make the argument convincing
12. **transitions** - words, phrases, or clauses that help the reader see how your ideas fit together to support your topic