How to Write a Counterargument

1. **Topic Sentence:** This is where you point out that not everyone agrees with you!
   1. “While many agree with [claim], some people disagree because [counterargument].
2. **Authorization:**
   1. In the “Article Title” by Author’s Name of *Publication*, the author shows...
3. **Evidence:** This evidence supports the other side.
   1. Provide a direct quote from a text or paraphrase an important fact.
4. **Explanation:** Explain why the other side has a valid point in the first half of your explanation.
5. **Explanation:** Explain why your claim is better in the second half of your explanation.
6. **Summary Sentence:** Wrap up the paragraph with a summary sentence or two. Don’t repeat yourself!