



## What's The Difference?

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the assigned text, paying careful attention to how the author builds and defends his or her argument. Then answer the questions.

AUTHOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**What conflicting viewpoints does the author acknowledge?**

CONFLICTING VIEWPOINT #1: \_\_\_\_\_

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CONFLICTING VIEWPOINT #2: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Identify the strategy the author uses to discredit conflicting viewpoints.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ The author mentions research.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The author appeals to the reader's emotions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The author uses the bandwagon technique (everyone else believes this so you should too).
- \_\_\_\_\_ The author's tone makes her seem believable and trustworthy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The author quotes experts.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The author includes credible data.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The author includes real world examples

**Do you think that the author succeeds in discrediting the conflicting viewpoints? Why or why not?**

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