

Name _____ **Conflicting Viewpoints**



Analyzing Viewpoints

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

What is the author's point of view or purpose?

What conflicting viewpoints does the author acknowledge?

Identify the strategies the author uses to discredit conflicting viewpoints. Then, in the box below, briefly summarize the author's counterarguments.

- _____ 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