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| **Countering**  *Acknowledging an opposing argument and providing evidence to show why one might . . .*  ***Agree--with a difference***   * Although it is true that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, one also needs to consider \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * Though I concede that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the evidence shows \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   ***Agree and disagree--at the same time***   * X is right that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but it’s not clear how she arrived at the conclusion that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * I’m of two minds about X’s claim that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. On the one hand, I agree that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, I’m not sure if \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   ***Disagree, with reasons***   * X is mistaken because she overlooks the fact that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * X’s claim that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rests upon the assumption that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * By focusing on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, X overlooks the bigger problem of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   ***Name the naysayers***   * Proponents of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ claim that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * Supporters of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ say that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * Here many X would probably object that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * Nevertheless, people who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will argue that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |

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| **Illustrating**  *Using a fact, quote, number, example or anecdote as evidence to support a statement.*   * X argues that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * X claims that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * X reports that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * X states, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” * According to X, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” * A report by X published in XXXX found that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * A study conducted by X in XXXX found that |

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| **Authorizing**  *. . . illustrating + background on the source intended to establish its credibility*   * According to X, (background on the source), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * X, (background on the source), reports that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |

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| **Explaining** what the evidence means  *So what?! Why does it matter*? (Reasoning!)   * This evidence shows that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * Basically, X is saying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * In other words, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * As a result, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * Consequently, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * If \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * Since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * Because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |