**CREATe AN ARGUMENT**

***EBA Skill #1: Make a Basic Argument  
(Claim + Evidence)***

1. **State your claim: A debatable statement**
2. **State your evidence:   
   Factual information that supports your claim**

***EBA Skill #2: Make a Complete Argument  
(Claim + Evidence + Reasoning)***

1. **State your claim: A debatable statement**
2. **State your evidence:   
   Factual information that supports your claim**
3. **Complete your argument with reasoning:   
   What links your evidence to the claim?   
   How does the evidence prove your claim?**

**Strengthen Arguments**

***EBA Skill #3: Evaluate Arguments  
(What are their strengths and weaknesses?)***

1. **How valid is the claim?**
2. **How valid is the evidence?**
3. **How relevant is the evidence to the claim?**
4. **Is the evidence sufficient to prove the claim?**
5. **How valid is the reasoning?**
6. **How relevant is the reasoning to the claim?**
7. **Is the reasoning sufficient to prove the claim?**

**STRENGTHEN Arguments (continued)**

***EBA Skill #4: Question Arguments***

* **How can I make my argument stronger?**
* **How can I weaken another argument?**
* **What assumptions in those arguments need to be exposed?**
* **What additional information do I need to gather?**

***EBA Skill #5: Counter and Strengthen Arguments***

* **Anticipate what evidence and reasoning can attack my argument**
* **Refine my own argument to make it stronger**
* **Use *DrMO* to respond to alternative arguments with counterarguments:**
* ***Deny*: What my opponent said is not true.  
  *Their evidence or reasoning is not valid.***
* ***Reverse*: What my opponent said actually helps my argument.  
  *Their evidence is valid, but their reasoning is weak.***
* ***Minimize*: What my opponent said is true, but it is not a big deal.  
  *Their evidence is valid, but it is just not relevant.***
* ***Outweigh*: What my opponent said is true, but this is more important.  
  *Their evidence or reasoning is valid and relevant, but it’s not as relevant as mine.***

**Apply Argumentation**

***EBA Skill #6: Use Argumentation in Different Settings***

* **Develop complex arguments with multiple counterarguments and rich evidence from multiple sources**
* **Structure, frame, and package argumentation to maximize   
  desired impact, depending on the context and audience**
* **Apply argumentation to communicate voice, opinions, and   
  needs in various academic and real life situations**