

**Baseline Assessment: Skill 4**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the definition of a counterargument? Circle one answer choice.

- (a) A misunderstanding resulting from flawed reasoning.
- (b) An argument that is stated clearly upfront.
- (c) An attack of a defending army against an enemy attack.
- (d) An argument in opposition to another argument.

2. First, read the short passage below:

- 1) More and more information is now available for free on the internet and
- 2) this is a good thing. All books should be freely available because everyone
- 3) should have an equal opportunity to learn from them. However, some people
- 4) argue that books should not be free because no one will write or publish books
- 5) unless they get paid to do so.

In which lines of the passage above do you find a counterargument? Circle one answer choice.

- (a) Line 1 & 4
- (b) Lines 1 & 2
- (c) Lines 4 & 5

3a. In one or two sentences, write a complete argument that responds to the question: Which after-school activity is better for students, homework or playing a team sport?

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In one or two sentences, provide a counterargument to the argument you made above.

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3b. In one or two sentences, respond to the counterargument you made above in #3a.

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