



MAKING CLAIMS ABOUT SOURCES

METHODS FOR DISAGREEING, WITH REASONS

I think X is mistaken because she overlooks _____.

X's claim that _____ rests upon the questionable assumption that _____.

I disagree with X's view that _____ because, as recent research has shown, _____.

X contradicts herself/can't have it both ways. On the one hand, she argues _____ . But on the other hand, she also says _____.

By focusing on _____, X overlooks the deeper problem of _____.

X claims _____, but we don't need him to tell us that. Anyone familiar with _____ has long known that _____.

METHODS FOR AGREEING—WITH A DIFFERENCE

I agree that _____ because my experience confirms it.

X surely is right about _____ because, as she may not be aware, recent studies have shown that _____.

X's theory of _____ is extremely useful because it sheds insight on the difficult problem of _____.

I agree that _____, a point that needs emphasizing since so many people believe _____.

Those unfamiliar with this school of thought may be interested to know that it basically boils down to _____.

If group X is right that _____, as I think they are, then we need to reassess the popular assumption that _____.



METHODS FOR AGREEING AND DISAGREEING SIMULTANEOUSLY

Although I agree with X up to a point, I cannot accept his overall conclusion that _____.

Although I disagree with much that X says, I fully endorse his conclusion that _____.

Though I concede that _____, I still insist that _____.

Whereas X provides ample evidence that _____, Y and Z's research on _____ and _____ convinces me that _____ instead.

X is right that _____, but she seems on more dubious ground when she claims that _____.

While _____ is probably wrong when he claims that _____, he is right 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 _____.

My feelings on the issue are mixed. I do support X's position that _____, but I find Y's argument about _____ and Z's research on _____ to be equally persuasive.