

### **Toward Building an Argument**

Now that you have conducted interviews and done more research on your topic, reformulate your Research Question, as needed and begin to shape your argument. Use this form (and the back of it, as needed) for one-through-four. Write the essay on a separate sheet.

1. Reformulate your Research Question:

2. Assert your claim. Be focused and specific.

3. Identify your audience. Be specific.

4. List all the reasons you can imagine your readers have for their beliefs.

5. Write a brief statement in essay form that acknowledges and responds to your readers' beliefs, concerns and objections. Don't dismiss or attack their views, as Turabian advises (71).