

Argumentative Writing & Discussion

D = Defend (agree)
.. /agree when . . .)

C = Challenge (disagree)

Q = Qualify (agree if . . .)

___ When someone mistreats you, you should still treat him/her with kindness and respect.

___ People must always face the consequences of their actions.

___ People are products of their environments.

(The way you're raised, your experiences, etc. determine the type of person you become.)

___ There are no bad people—just bad choices.

Circle one statement you would like to challenge. Explain your position on that statement.

While some people think

_____ ,
I believe

_____ ,
because

_____ ,
For example,

Discussion

Partner 1: Reads quick write

Partner 2: Listen, read along

Comment: "Thank you for sharing!" / "Interesting point." / "I hadn't thought of it that way."

Paraphrase— " _____ (partner's name), are you basically saying that . . . ?

Partner 1: Yes, that's what I mean. OR No, I mean that . . .

Partner 2: Respond. You can use one of these conversation starters:

- I agree with your point and want to add that . . .

- What you said reminds me that . . .
- I understand what you're saying but disagree because . . .
- While it's true that _____ , what about . . .

Partner 1: "Thank you for sharing!" / "Interesting point." / "I hadn't thought of it that way."

Switch roles.