

## Language of Argument: Topic Sentences

Make your argument transparent. For maximum clarity, bring topic sentences to the front so that your argument is easily scanned.

Model topic sentences for presenting your points:

**One reason** the United States should drop the Cuban embargo **is that** it is only hurting the population, not the government.

**Another argument in favor of** dropping the Cuban embargo **is that** it only hurts the population, not the government.

**Continuing the embargo will only** hurt more innocent people, not the Cuban government.

Model opposing argument sentences:

**Those who support** continuing the embargo **claim that** it has been effective in weakening Castro's power.

**Some claim that** the embargo has been effective in weakening Castro's government.

**Opponents** of dropping the embargo **often use the argument that** the embargo has been effective in weakening Castro's power.

Some argue that. . . .

Some may argue/claim/assert/maintain that. . . .