#### Analyze Argument Structures

Find three sample discussion articles from your field of study. Generally, you want something long enough to have some complexity without being so long that the project takes too much of your time.

Summarize the argument by restating the central thesis of the document in your own words. Complete a short paragraph of no more than five total sentences by stating each of the article’s main supports briefly in your own words.

Consider what supports the thesis offers. How do those supports establish grounds to believe that the thesis is true?

Consider the materials in the article that you left out of your summary. Are these materials irrelevant? Do they contain logical fallacies? Do they provide support for the supports, in the sense that they bring in extra detailed evidence or reasoning for the main argument supports?

How do the introduction and conclusion of the article highlight the main thesis? How do they provide a context for readers to understand the argument?