APPENDIX 6.11 Argument Analysis Worksheet

Directions: Use the following questions and prompts to analyze a sample of argument writing.

- 1. What is the issue (the main topic)?
- 2. What is the argument? (Whether or not . . .)
- 3. Underline the main claim that reveals the author's point of view in the argument.
- 4. Underline and label the main reason in each body paragraph.
- 5. Highlight and label evidence that supports each reason.
- 6. Highlight and label the call to action.
- 7. What counterclaim(s) does the author mention?
- 8. Did the author influence your thinking about the argument? Why or why not?