

HCC 1a: Laws and Orders
Pre-writing: Textual Analysis Grid #3

Counterargument: Legal Cases

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ASSIGNMENT: You have been asked to write an essay developing a counterargument in response to a Legal Cases passage chosen by your instructor. This sheet is intended to help you generate and identify material. Before you begin, read the chapters on counterarguments and logical fallacies in your *Handbook*. Then re-read your passage. Can you identify *key words or phrases as steps in the logic of the argument*? *P = premises? I = intermediate steps? C = conclusions?* Next, evaluate this step in the argument. Finally, see if this keyword or phrase gives you grounds for a counterargument. Go sentence by sentence. After each key word, phrase, or clause, draw a line across the page and start again at the left-hand side. You may need to make more than one sheet.

Quote Key Word/Phrase	Identify Logic	Evaluate E-L-P	So: Counterargument
Use exact words.	P ? I? C? (Premise? Intermediate step? Conclusion?)	LOGIC: Spoken/unspoken premises? Fallacies? PATHOS: Appeal to feelings? ETHOS: to authority?	Grounds for counterargument: 1. Definition? 2. Reasonable? 3. Intention? 4. Natural Law? 5. Use of Science? Religion?