

Claim: Debatable statements of belief or truth—they answer questions

Reason: A statement that offers evidence to support a claim

Warrant: The connection between your claim and your supporting reasons---
the glue
(or guarantee) that holds them together—it must be clear and
logical—ties
evidence back to the thesis statement

Evidence: Factual information presented to support a claim— can be data,
examples,
and expert opinion

Claim: The losing season caused the head football coach to be fired
from his job.

Reason: **(because)** The team lost more than half its games for three
seasons in a row.

Warrant: Winning is the key to success for Big Ten college coaches.

Evidence: For the last ten years, coaches with more than two losing
seasons in a row have lost their jobs.

Claim: Certain career patterns cause women to be paid less than men.

Reason: **(because)** Women's career patterns differ from men's, and in
spite of changes in the relative pay of other groups, women's
pay still lags behind that of men.

Warrant: Successful careers are made during the period between ages 25
and 35.

Evidence: Women often drop out of or reduce work during the decade
between ages 25 and 35 in order to raise families.