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Rebuttal Strategy: WAGOLL-Based Rebuttals

Task: Use argument-writing WAGOLLs to assist you in writing your own rebuttal.

WAGOLL	Rebuttal	Rebuttal Type	Sentence Frame	Your Own Version
"An Open Letter to High School Students about Reading" by Patrick Sullivan	"I also have to admit, in the interests of full disclosure, that we as teachers have probably helped create some of the aversion to reading that many students feel. Educator Kelly Gallagher has called this process "readicide"—"the systematic killing of the love of reading, often exacerbated by the inane, mind-numbing practices found in schools." Gallagher suggests that readicide is caused by educational practices that value the development of test-takers over the development of lifelong readers. I'm afraid that this statement may, alas, be true."	Concession	I have to admit _____. [Evidence of the counterclaim.] I'm afraid that this may be true.	
"The Glaciers are Collapsing. This is What We Must Do"	"You might think that the best option would be for communities at risk of glacial collapse and flooding to retreat and relocate.	Refutation	You might think _____. But _____.	

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by Bibek Raj Kandel and Daniel Schrag	But the river corridors most exposed to these hazards are Nepal's best sites for producing hydroelectricity; at least a dozen hydropower projects were damaged or destroyed in this one event."			
"Resilience and Resistance: Native American Stakes in the Environmental Movement"	**"**Some skeptics of my topic might say that the government has already created acts that recognize tribal rights and provide them with enough protections. While it is true that the United States government has at times endorsed the concept of tribal sovereignty, many of the most important provisions have been reversed or made irrelevant by Supreme Court rulings. For example..."	Concession + Refutation	"Some skeptics might say _____. While it is true that _____, _____[refutation]_____. For example, [evidence]."	
"Latest in the *Divergent* Universe Finds a Different Tris" by Dhanika Pineda	**"**Perhaps Roth is right. Maybe one choice can change everything about a person. But I am skeptical that Tris' particular choices at the start of this book would lead to so much change in such a short period of time."	Concession + Refutation	"Perhaps [oppositional person/group] is right. Maybe _____. But I am skeptical that _____."	

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