**Contents List for Argumentative Themes with Counterclaims (Version 2 or 3)**

**Title**

**Introductory Paragraph**

 **Topic Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

**(Names the issue, the claim (and the counterclaim), grabs the reader)**

 **Background Sentences**

 **(Introductory option, and/or background details)**

 **Thesis Statement (Specific Topic Sentence)**

 **(The claim, the Major Reasons, message, graceful lead in)**

**Detail Paragraphs about the Major Reasons and Opposite Reasons**

 **Topic/Transition Sentence(s) (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

**(Transition, the claim, the Major Reason and its Opposite Reason)**

 **Lead-off Sentences about the Major Reason**

**(Transition, introduce a new type of *evidence* supporting the Major Reason)**

 **Follow-up Sentences about the Major Reason**

**(Provide more info about the type of evidence from your research)**

**Lead-off Sentences about the Opposite Reason**

**(Transition, introduce a new type of evidence supporting the Opposite Reason)**

 **Follow-up Sentences about the Opposite Reason**

**(Provide more info about the type of evidence from your research supporting the Lead-off Sentence)**

**Concluding Paragraph**

 **Concluding/Transition Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

 **(Concluding Transition, the claim)**

 **Detail Sentences**

**(Summarize the Major Reasons and discount the Opposite Reasons in some way)**

 **Clincher Sentence**

 **(The claim, the main message)**