**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)**