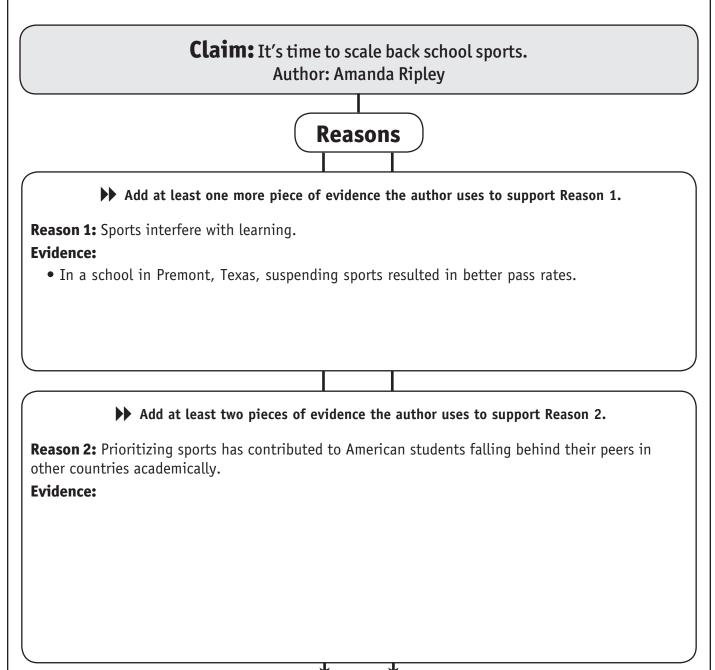


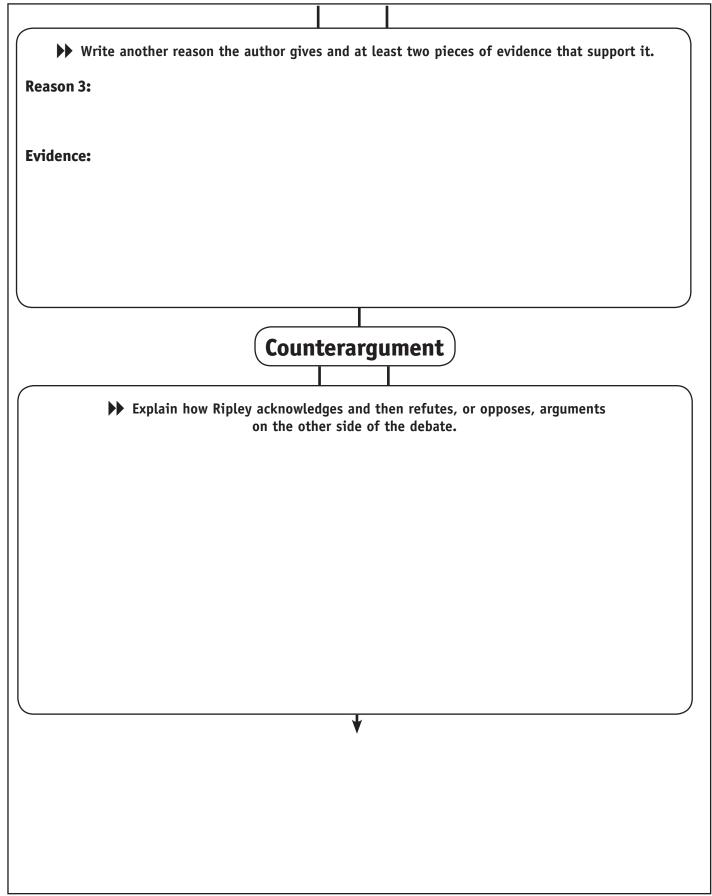
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ESSAY KIT/DEBATE: "Should Your School Get Rid of Sports?" • SKILL: Tracing an Author's Argument

Tracing an Author's Argument

Read Amanda Ripley's "Yes! It's Time to Scale Back" and Tim O'Shei's "No! Sports Are More Important Than Ever" in the *Scope* debate "Should Your School Get Rid of Sports?" Then complete the activity that begins below to trace and evaluate each author's argument. We've provided directions and filled in some information for you.







▶ In the list below, place a check by the persuasive strategies that Ripley uses to try to convince you of her claim.

- She mentions research.
- She appeals to the reader's emotions.
- She uses the bandwagon technique, urging you to believe something because everyone else does.
- She uses a tone that makes her seem believable and trustworthy.
- She quotes experts.
- She includes data.
- She gives real-world examples.

In your own words, briefly summarize the persuasive strategies Ripley uses. Support your answer with details from the article.

