**Argument Concepts – Anchor Chart**

**Debatable Claim** – an opinion that is a matter of personal experience and values that must be backed up with evidence. Others can disagree with this claim. Also known as an opinion.

**Evidence**- details, facts, and reasons that directly relate to and support a debatable claim.

**Argument**

* In life- conflicts engaged in using language.
* In writing - opinions that can be backed up with evidence.

**Persuasion –** to move another person or group to agree with a belief or position through argument, appeal, or course of action.

**Claim = opinion on a topic**

**Evidence = facts, reasons, details**

**Take a Stand Activity**

**Argument Practice**

Directions:

1. For each item, state your opinion/preference one way or the other. (Yes, you must pick one.)
2. Give three pieces of effective evidence (facts, reasons, details) for why you feel this way.

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| **Cucumber on a pizza or no?** | 1.  2. |
| **Cash or not for birthday from boyfriend?** | 1.  2. |
| **Math or Language Arts?** | 1.  2  3. |
| **Sun or Snow?** | 1.  2  3. |
| **Breakfast or dinner?** | 1.  2  3. |