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| *Skill* | *Advanced* | *On-Target* | *Novice* |
| Claim | - debatable statement in 3rd person | - debatable but in 1st person | - a statement of fact |
| Counter-claim | -clear opposite argument | -attempts to identify opposite argument | -unclear opposite argument |
| Anecdotal Evidence | -provides two pieces of differing type (personal, family, interviewee) | -provides two distinct pieces | - only one piece given; or categorizes it as factual |
| Factual Evidence | -provides two pieces of differing type (facts, data/statistics, expert research) | -provides two distinct pieces | - only one piece given; or categorizes it as anecdotal |
| Effectiveness of Evidence | -all evidence directly relates to and proves the claim-this is the best evidence to prove the claim | -all evidence directly relates to and proves the claim | -some of the evidence does not relate to or prove the claim |