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**DIRECTIONS:** Read the assigned text. Complete the activity below to trace and evaluate the author's argument.

AUTHOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLAIM: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**What reasons does the author give to support the claim? How does the author back up the reasons with evidence?**

REASON #1: \_\_\_\_\_

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EVIDENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Explain how the author acknowledges and then refutes, or opposes, arguments for opposing claims.**

COUNTERARGUMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Place a check mark next to each persuasive strategy that the author uses.**

PERSUASIVE STRATEGIES:

\_\_\_\_\_ The author mentions research.

\_\_\_\_\_ The author appeals to the reader's emotions.

\_\_\_\_\_ The author uses the bandwagon technique (everyone else believes this so you should too).

\_\_\_\_\_ The author's tone makes her seem believable and trustworthy.

\_\_\_\_\_ The author quotes experts.

\_\_\_\_\_ The author includes credible data.

\_\_\_\_\_ The author includes real world examples

**Briefly summarize the author's persuasive strategies. Cite textual evidence to support your answer.**

**What kind of information could the author include to make the claim more convincing?**

**Setting aside, for a moment, your personal opinion, do you find the author's argument convincing? Why or why not?**

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