

# The Myside Bias in Argument Writing

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## What is MySide Bias?

A tendency to ignore or exclude evidence against one's position



## Argument Schema

A learned, culturally derived set of expectations and questions evoked by argumentative texts



## Research suggests

Overcoming myside bias requires a strong argumentation schema

## Thinking tools for building argumentation schema

### CLAIMS

Side being argued?  
Specific details?  
Qualifiers or boundaries to claim?

### WARRANT

Problems with coherence?

### REASONS

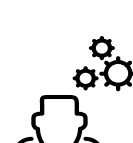
Why should I accept?  
Factually correct?  
Any backing?

## COUNTERCLAIM GENERATION

Can I generate an other side claim? Strength?  
Problems with stated reasons?  
Challenge hidden assumptions?

Rebuttal is an important strategy for improving students' argument writing

Explore instructional tools



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Read the research



["Argumentation Schema and the Myside Bias in Written Argumentation"](#)

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