



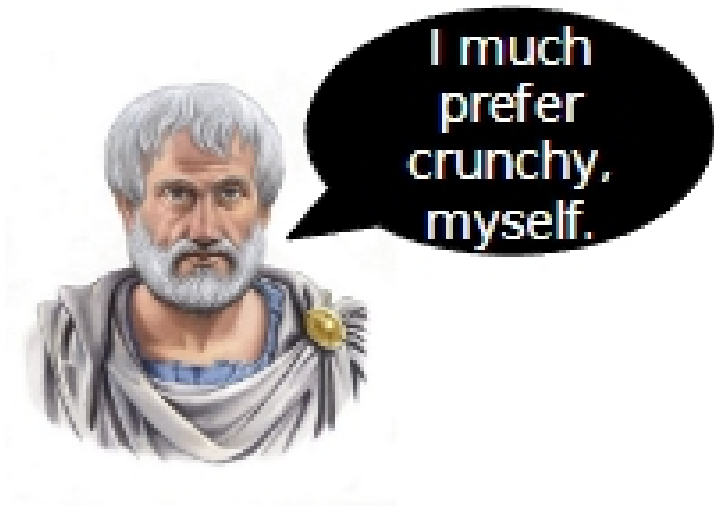
Researched Argument

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Writing an Argument

- ▶ We argue for many reasons- to convince others of our opinion, to influence the way they think about a topic, to persuade them to change their mind, or to show our knowledge of an issue.
- ▶ When we are asked to write arguments, we enter into a conversation with others about a topic. Arguing for what you believe becomes part of that ongoing conversation.



Successful Arguments

- ▶ Make claims
- ▶ Provide reasons
- ▶ Use evidence to support those reasons

Claim:

An arguable statement

- verifiable facts aren't worth arguing
- issues of religion or belief are difficult to support
- matters of simple opinion are difficult to support