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Everest Sherpa article

Argumentative practice

Before reading:

Read the bottom of page 109 through the first half of page 110 in *Peak*.

Summarize/describe Peak's *opinion* of the herders and porters that are climbing with them.

After reading this, what would you infer to be a potential *controversy* surrounding the role of Sherpas in assisting mountaineers in their Everest summit?

Now read the article, highlighting evidence to support the following *claims*. Highlighting as you go will make it much easier to go back and fill in your necessary information.

Claim 1: Sherpas' means of making money comes with extreme risk and physical demands.

Claim 2: Sherpas are being used and exploited in order for people to fulfill a personal goal of summiting famous peaks.

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Sherpa article- Part II

Using some of the information you highlighted, fill in evidence from the article (directly quoted lines) to support the following claims:

Claim 1: Sherpas' means of making money comes with extreme risk and physical demands.

Claim 2: Sherpas are being used and exploited in order for people to fulfill a personal goal of summiting famous peaks.

Support the following potential COUNTERCLAIM with lines from the article:

Counterclaim: Sherpas should not feel their payment is unfair; they *are* receiving compensation for their difficulties.
