

1) Context

Can you explain why, specifically, you came up with your research question?

Can you explain why your research question is relevant?

Can you justify the approach you took in researching this question?

Can you explain what types of lenses are most appropriate for answering this question?

Can you justify why you might not have considered any specific lenses?

2.) Argument

Propose a response to your research question. Start by providing a basic conclusion from each approach you've identified.

Most importantly, start by attempting to synthesize effective solutions and responses to the problem you've identified. Your solutions and responses must be:

- 1.) Precise: Who needs to do what? Don't just state that something needs to be done.
- 2.) Concrete.
- 3.) Supported by evidence, and closely tied to your analysis of the problem
- 4.) Limited and realistic. You're not going to create world peace. Instead you need to show a full understanding of the limitations of your evidence and analysis.
- 5.) Insightful. Add some level of commentary that doesn't already exist in your sources.

What is the summary of how person A's research responds to the research question? Person B's? Person C's? Person D's?

Consider these to be your major premises. Based on these 3-4 major premises, what is your argument? Evaluate this phase of the argument for logical consistency.

Within each approach, break the argument down even further. What main premises would you need to make in order to support your conclusion in this section?

Does the evidence you have convincingly support each of these premises?

If yes, have you considered other perspectives that might possibly present convincing evidence to the contrary?

If no, you need to further research other perspectives.

If no, is it because you just don't have any?

If yes, research further.

If no, is because no compelling evidence exists?

If so, you need to adjust your approach and research further.

If no, is it because most evidence points to the contrary of your position?

If so, sorry, but you might need to adjust your position. This may mean changing the overall group's thesis.

3.) Perspective

Look over the entire group outline so far. Are all the perspectives presented relevant to the overall question? Are all the relevant perspectives presented?

What could you add to strengthen this argument? Can you get rid of anything and still retain the same argument?

4.) Evidence

Is **EVERY** claim substantiated with a piece of evidence?

Is **EVERY** piece of evidence evaluated? Can you explain why each piece of evidence is credible, convincing, and sufficient to support the claims you make?

is **EVERY** piece of evidence properly attributed, **BOTH** in your embedding and your citations?

Based on your responses to these questions, go back and further research and revise your IRRs. Your goal now is to do what is necessary to improve your IRRs so that they can most effectively contribute to your TWR.