

**“Dear Editor...”**

**Instructions**

You’ve been given a letter to the editor. Read it carefully and answer the following questions. Remember that you are looking for the author’s assertions as well as the reasoning and evidence that back up the author’s assertions. The author may make several arguments with different assertions, reasoning, and evidence, or there may be one major argument with several reasons and examples. If you think that reasoning or evidence is missing, please note that in the relevant section.

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**1. What topic is the author writing about?**

**2. What is the author’s main point?**

**3. What arguments does the author make in support of their main point? Fill in the ARE for each argument. If reasoning or evidence is missing, leave that place blank on the worksheet. It is okay to paraphrase what the author says, but you should be prepared to point to a specific place in the text to support your idea.**

Assertion:	
Reasoning:	
Evidence:	

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**4. What are two ways the author could have improved the letter? Be specific.**