

Analyzing arguments in greater depth (more complex questions)

- ▶ What do you think was the author's purpose in writing this piece?
- ▶ Are the reasons given convincing? Why or why not? Are there implicit assumptions?
- ▶ What evidence does the author use to support these reasons, is it credible? Is it biased?
- ▶ Are the reasons presented in a logical order, as a line of reasoning? Do the reasons clearly link to one another and to the conclusion/thesis?
- ▶ Does the author make a reasoned evaluation of other people's views that contradict their own? (Does he or she address counter-arguments?)
- ▶ What are the implications if the reader accepts this argument?

Putting the argument into context

