**Counterclaim Paragraphs**

**TS=Topic Sentence (States opposite side of thesis. Can be a statement or question, but not fact. Should not have to cite)**

**CM= Commentary (these will include each of your counterclaims or your rebuttal)**

**CD=Concrete Detail (research/notes. Use at least 2 different sources per paragraph. ) ALL QUOTES/PARAPHRASES MUST BE CITED! Highlight the citations.**

**CS=Concluding Sentence (All commentary and reinforces why your arguments are right)**

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**Counterclaims**

**Terminology:**

**Counterclaim/counterargument** – an argument opposed to your thesis. It expresses the view of a person who disagrees with your position. It is signaled by **transitional words or phrases**:

* *Many people [believe/argue/feel/think/suppose/etc.] that [state counterclaim here]*
* *It is often [thought/believed/imagined/etc.] that…*
* *It would be easy to [think/believe/imagine/suppose] that…*
* *It might [seem/appear/look/etc] as if …*
* *[However/On the other hand/etc.], many people [believe/think/etc.] that…*
* Ask a Question: [Couldn’t/Doesn’t/Wouldn’t/Isn’t] …

**Rebuttal**—answers your counterclaim, re-affirming your argument/thesis.

**How to Write:**

***Thesis:*** *Random student locker searches are completely justified because schools must keep students*

*safe, even from themselves, and because the lockers are the property of the school, not the*

*student.*

**1.TS of Counterclaim Paragraph:** *However, many people believe that random locker searches are not*

*justified.* **OR**  *Are locker searches really necessary?*

**2. CC -Then counter each of the arguments you made in your body paragraphs:**

Counterclaim #1 (CC 1): *The majority of students aren’t violent or suicidal.*

Counterclaim #2 (CC 2): *They don’t keep drugs off campus.*

Counterclaim #3(CC 3): *They are an invasion of privacy.*

**3. RB-After each counter, write a REBUTTAL that answers it and re-affirms your thesis using transitional language**:

* *Yes, but…*
* *What this argument [overlooks, fails to consider/does not take into account] is…*
* *This view [seems/looks/sounds/etc.]…*
* *While this view is popular, it is [impractical/not supported by facts/illogical/etc.]*

**4. CD-Use evidence/examples from research to support your rebuttal.**

**5. CM-Explain your data, reinforcing your original thesis after each CD.**