

# “Yes / No / Okay, but”

Three Ways to Respond in Your Evaluation of  
Authors' viewpoints

# Templates for Agreeing “Yes”

- I agree that diversity in the student body is educationally valuable because my experience at Shiloh confirms it.
- X is surely right about \_\_\_\_\_ because, as she may not be aware, recent studies have shown that \_\_\_\_\_.
- X’s theory of \_\_\_\_\_ is extremely useful because it sheds light on the difficult problem of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Those unfamiliar with this school of thought may be interested to know that it basically comes down to \_\_\_\_\_.

# Templates for Disagreeing, with Reasons

## “No”

- X is mistake because she overlooks \_\_\_\_\_.
- X’s claim that \_\_\_\_\_ rests upon the questionable assumption that \_\_\_\_\_.
- I disagree with X’s views that \_\_\_\_\_ because, as \_\_\_\_\_ has shown, \_\_\_\_\_.
- X contradicts herself/can’t have it both ways. On the one hand, she argues \_\_\_\_\_. On the other, she also says \_\_\_\_\_.
- By focusing on \_\_\_\_\_, X overlooks the deeper problem of \_\_\_\_\_.
- X’s assertion that \_\_\_\_\_ does not fit the facts of the story.

# Templates for Agreeing and Disagreeing Simultaneously (“Okay, but...”)

- Although I agree with X up to a point, I cannot accept his overriding assumption that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Although while much of what X says is inaccurate, his final conclusion that \_\_\_\_\_ is correct.
- X is right that \_\_\_\_\_, but she seems on more dubious ground when she claims that \_\_\_\_\_.
- While X is probably wrong when she claims that \_\_\_\_\_, she is right that \_\_\_\_\_.

# “Yes, but...” continued

- Whereas X provides ample evidence that \_\_\_\_\_, Y’s and Z’s claim on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is even more convincing that \_\_\_\_\_ instead.
- There are two ways to look at X’s claim that \_\_\_\_\_. On the one hand, X is right to claim that \_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, there is still some question if X is correct that \_\_\_\_\_.

# “Skeptics May Object”

Planting a Naysayer in Your Text

# Templates for Entertaining Objections

- Yet some readers may challenge my view by insisting that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Of course, many will probably disagree on the grounds that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Here many \_\_\_\_\_ would probably object that \_\_\_\_\_.
- But \_\_\_\_\_ would certainly take issue with the argument that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Nevertheless, both followers and critics of Malcolm X will probably suggest otherwise and argue that \_\_\_\_\_.

# Templates for Making Concession While Still Standing Your Ground

- Although the book is poorly organized, it still raises an important issue.
- Proponents of X are right to argue that \_\_\_\_\_. But they exaggerate when they claim that \_\_\_\_\_.
- While it is true that \_\_\_\_\_, it does not necessarily follow that \_\_\_\_\_.
- On the one hand, X is correct in that \_\_\_\_\_. However, on the other hand, I still insist that \_\_\_\_\_.