

Pro or Con?

1. Number each paragraph. Circle the introduction and box the conclusion.
2. Reread the introduction. Underline the lead statement and circle the issue statement.
3. Underline the main argument sentence. In the margin beside each paragraph, write a word or two that summarizes the main argument or point the author is trying to make.
4. In each paragraph, highlight rhetorical questions.
5. Circle each definitive word or phrase. (of course, certainly, etc.)
6. Read the following detail:

In which paragraph would this belong? _____

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8. Read the following detail:

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9. Go back to paragraph 2. Underline the phrase that acknowledges the point of view that:

How does the author address this issue? (In other words, how does the author respond with a “yes, but...”?)

