**SUPPORTING AN ARGUMENT**

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| **FACTS** | **\*A STATEMENT THAT CAN BE PROVEN**  **\*A PIECE OF INFORMATION USED AS EVIDENCE** |
| **REASONS** | **\*AN EXPLANATION FOR WHAT YOU THINK**  **\*A JUSTIFICATION** |
| **EXAMPLES** | **\*AN EXAMPLE FROM THE TEXT/VIDEO/GRAPHIC OR FROM YOUR LIFE** |
| **STATISTICS** | **\*A PIECE OF DATA; USE OF NUMBERS** |
| **COMPARISONS** | **\*CAN BE METAPHORICAL**  **\*CAN BE AN ANALOGY—SHOWING HOW TWO THINGS HAVE SHARED CHARACTERISTICS, WITH THE IDEA THAT IF THE TWO ITEMS ARE SIMILAR IN SOME WAYS THEY ARE SIMILAR IN OTHERS** |
| **ANECDOTES** | **\*A SHORT, INTERESTING STORY** |