

Sample T-chart for Argument Paper

Controversy: Should we change to CFL light bulbs	
*Background	<p>-History: -Thomas Edison invented the light bulb in 1879 ("Edison")</p> <p>-Congress passed a law in 2007 prohibiting the production of incandescent light bulbs (Winter 1).</p> <p>-People affected: All consumers will be affected by the year 2014 because all incandescent bulbs will be phased out (Salisbury 1).</p> <p>-Thesis: Should people change to CFL light bulbs?</p>
*Argument one	<p>- They last longer -Said to last 7 years ("CFL" 1). <i>*Explain the life of a CFL bulb in hours as compared to a regular bulb</i></p>
*Counter argument	<p>-They don't last as long as advertised -Must be left on to get the life expected out of them ("Lights" 1). <i>*Explain how the ballast can die as a result of turning on and off.</i></p>

<p>*Argument two</p>	<p>-Saves money * consumer will save \$40 over the life of a CFL bulb compared to an incandescent bulb (Berry 1). <i>*Explain the yearly savings</i></p>
<p>*Counter argument</p>	<p>-Savings isn't that great *Initial cost is on average \$3 as compared to 50 cents for incandescent ("Compact" 1). <i>*Explain how since bulbs don't last as long, savings isn't great. Even in winter where heat from bulbs cuts down heating costs in cold climates.</i></p>
<p>*Argument three</p>	<p>-Good for the environment *Cuts down on greenhouse gasses. <i>*Explain how the power generation is less; therefore less co2</i></p>
<p>*Counter argument</p>	<p>-Has mercury which is bad for the environment *Can't throw them away because of mercury in landfills. <i>*Explain lack of recycling and it adds a pollutant to the atmosphere when broken.</i></p>

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