

Appendix A: Questionnaire

Self-evaluation of the activity

Student: _____

Part I. Rating

1. After having practiced completing outlines of argumentative essays three times, please mark the number that best describes your opinion about your perceived improvement.

Use a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being "no improvement at all" and 5 "remarkable improvement".

The graphic organizer helped me identify

a.	1	2	3	4	5
b. The author's purpose and position					
c. The author's arguments for his position					
d. The counter arguments					
e. The rebuttals to the counter arguments					
f. The synthesis of the argumentation					
g. The overall organization of the text					

2. During the classes, the following aspects were identified as challenging. How was it for you to

Use a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being "not challenging at all" and 5 "very challenging".

	1	2	3	4	5
a. Identify main ideas and specific details					
b. Identify main ideas in different types of paragraphs					
c. Summarize information					
d. Understand the topic of an essay					
e. Other?					

I think that ...

completing a graphic organizer when I know the rhetorical pattern of the text is much easier than when I don't know the rhetorical pattern	1	2	3	4	5
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Part II. Open answer

1. I liked that by using this strategy I was able to

2. When completing the graphic organizer, I found it difficult to

3. Overall, how effective has this strategy been for you to improve the comprehension of an argumentative text?
