Writing A BALANCED Argument

WHAT is A BALANCED ARgument?

A balanced argument provides information on different points of view and does not lean towards one particular opinion. It allows the reader to make up their own mind.

Use the following structure to help you write A BALANCED ARgument:

Should Shackleton's expedition have taken place?

Begin your ARgument by STATING the topic or issue.

This argument is to discuss…

STATE your first ARgument <u>for</u> AND give evidence to BACK it up.

The first point I would like to make is…

STATE your second ARgument <u>for</u> AND give evidence.

Secondly…

STATE your first ARGUMENT AGAINST AND give evidence.

However…

STATE your second ARGUMENT AGAINST AND give evidence.

In support of this…

Weigh up the evidence AND conclude your ARGUMENT.

In conclusion, I feel that…

Use the following words AND PHRASES to help you link PARAGRAPHS AND structure your writing:

however	furthermore	therefore	except	alternatively	
hence	by comparison	additionally	likewise	in conclusion	also
although	to summarise	in comparison	overall	firstly	finally
for example	consequently	moreover	secondly	lastly	

Remember to:

- Write in a formal style.
- Use paragraphs and punctuate clearly.
- Make your point, provide evidence and explain.