

Writing Exercise #4: Inventing Claims and Data for the Evaluation Argument

Best Friend Gretta

Major/Minor Claims

General Data

Specific Data

Trustworthy	→ If I tell her a secret, she will never tell anyone	→ Last Fall I told Gretta a very personal secret, and to this day she has kept it
Optimistic	→ She always finds a way to cheer people up in stressful times	→ The day before the BC Calc AP Exam, Gretta came up to me because she saw how stressed I was, and told me that I had worked hard all year and the test would soon be over
Confident	→ Gretta wasn't afraid to be her true self	→ She came to a graduation party styling conrows, skinny jeans, and colored poncho.
Encouraging	→ She always finds a way to make the best out of a situation	→ Last year, I missed a serve on the game point of a match during a volleyball game, and Gretta, who played on the team told me that I'd get it next time, and that the whole team lost the game, not just me
Caring	→ Supports me through rough times	→ Summer before sophomore year, one of my good friends, Brendan, died along with his dad and another friend, and Gretta didn't hesitate to come over to my house and take me to lunch
Effort	→ Puts effort out to make friendships grow stronger	→ Junior year Gretta filled my locker with streamers and signs and got a bunch of my friends together to sing happy birthday to me
Reliable	→ If I ask her to do me a favor, she always will say yes	→ Drove by my house on the way to school to pick up research paper