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PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES GET PAID TOO MUCH?

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## Elements of Nonfiction

### ARGUMENT

An **argument** expresses a position on an issue or problem and provides support for that position. Strong arguments have the following elements:

- a **claim**: the writer's main idea or position
- **support**: or reasons and evidence that back up the claim
- **counterarguments**: arguments made to address points someone with an opposing view might raise

**Directions:** Complete the graphics by writing three reasons or examples each author uses to support his claim.

