

## Argument Identification

### TASK:

Quote an argument from any two of the Dixon, Ostrander, and Held articles from the course pack (pp.22-28; pp.29-34; pp.45-51)

Underline the conclusion and put the premise(s) in brackets.

Explain why the premise is true and why the premise supports the conclusion.

One Page Maximum, please

## Constructing a Sound Argument

At this point in the course, you have successfully demonstrated the skills of identifying arguments, their premises, and determining the validity of them by reference to their conclusions.

After having read and been explained the argument for Batman being a better hero than Superman based on the value of courage, you now know what the construction of a sound argument entails. You also know that the existence of one sound argument does not put the debate to rest; it just means other sound arguments need to be made.

**TASK:** Make the case that Superman is a better hero than Batman by building a sound argument for it.

**Hints:** Refer back to the process seen in the argument that Batman is the better hero: Premises that can be proven or mutually agreed upon divorced from the specific; avoid fallacies; a conclusion that logically flows from the premises.

As an additional hint, remember that Superman's powers worked *against* him in the previous argument; is there a way to use them in your argument in a more positive way? What if you thought along utilitarian lines?