

## Notes for Generalizations

Generalization text pattern organizes information by beginning with a general statement followed by facts, reasons or examples that support the statement. Often used when the writer wants to present an argument. Sometimes the writer will present some apposing points and then argue against them.

The quality of the argument and the organization of the text work together to create a strong piece.

To have an effective piece writers follow these guidelines:

- State their viewpoint clearly, often in the topic sentence of the first paragraph.
- Check that the points supporting their argument are from a trustworthy source and that they cite these sources.
- Consider opposing viewpoints fairly and use logical arguments to counter those viewpoints. This shows that you have considered other options before arriving at your generalization.