# Analyzing Authors’ Claims

Read the debate on pages 22-23, and then follow the directions below to analyze each author’s claims and decide who makes a stronger case.

| NAME: __________________________ | NAME: __________________________ |
| AFFILIATION: ____________________ | AFFILIATION: ____________________ |

**Author’s main claim or argument in the debate:**

**AUTHOR:**

**REASON 1:** Name one reason the author gives for their claim.

List evidence the author gives to support Reason 1.

**REASON 2:** Name another reason the author presents.

List evidence the author gives to support Reason 2.

**REASON 3:** Name a third reason the author presents.

List evidence the author gives to support Reason 3.

**What persuasive devices does the author use?**

- Appeals to emotions
- Uses data or scholarly research
- Tells why the other side’s argument is weak
- Other: ________________________________

**Evaluate:** Which author do you think makes a more effective case? Do you spot any weaknesses, such as a bias or missing information, in either argument? Explain on a separate sheet of paper.