## 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:

#### 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.