

Counterarguments and Rebuttals

- A. Read the following body paragraph #3, which includes the counter-arguments and rebuttals.
- Underline counter-argument #1 in blue.
 - Underline counter-argument #2 in red.
 - Underline rebuttal #1 in blue.
 - Underline rebuttal #2 in red.

Whaling countries like Iceland and Japan claim that whale hunting is part of their tradition and eating whale meat is part of their culture. The Japan Whaling Association (JWA) claims that whaling started in the 10th century (Summers, 2009, para. 3). However, the history of whaling is actually not very long in these countries. For example, whale meat only became a popular food source after World War 2 in Japan because it was cheap and easily available. Moreover, many people are no longer attracted to whale meat because there are so many other food items available. The younger generation is especially not interested in even trying whale meat. For example, there was 4800 tons of unsold whale meat in 1995 (Takahara, 2007, para. 7). This new reality shows that traditional culture is not a valid reason for continuing whale hunts.

- B. Summarize the counter-arguments and rebuttals (less than 10 words for each summary).

Counter-argument #1: _____

Rebuttal #1: _____

Counter-argument #2: _____

Rebuttal #2: _____