

Counter-Argument and Rebuttal Structure #1

1. Read the following body paragraph of a persuasion essay; identify the counter-argument and rebuttal in the margins.

2. Answer the questions.

a. What is the writer's topic? _____

b. What is the writer's position? _____

c. What is the counter-argument? _____

d. What is the rebuttal? _____

Supporters for the Tokyo Olympics claim that the economic effect will reach 3 trillion yen. They believe that as the Tokyo Olympics in 1964, the development of technology for the Olympics will contribute to an economic recovery. In 1964, the New York Times reported “Japan spent 1.926 billion dollars on Olympic Organization and construction” (qtd. in Zarnowski 10). Although Japan spent such a huge amount of money for those Olympics, they could get a profit. However, the situation now is much different than the Tokyo Olympics in 1964. In the case of London, the profit from new facilities contributed to 80 percent of the whole economic effect. However, the main selling point of Tokyo is to use existing facilities, so profit from facilities cannot be expected. Therefore, Japan will need tourists from other countries to contribute to its economic effect. However, fears of radiation from the Fukushima Nuclear accident continues to keep tourist away. Although supporters claim that the economic effect will reach 3 trillion yen, they cannot expect such profits.