Rebuttal Research

To complete this assignment, you must have already completed the “Opposition Research” handout. If you haven’t completed that handout, you must do it first. You must research facts that discredit your opponent’s reasons for believing the way they do. **PRINT and SAVE a copy of the articles that you use to complete this handout.**

**REASON ONE**

A. Summarize why you disagree with your opposition’s logic stated in Reason One on your “Opposition Research” Handout

B. Find a fact that refutes the opposition’s first reason (from your “Opposition Research”). Write a direct quote from your research.

C. Write the citation for the source from which the quote originates.

D. Now find an additional fact that supports your side to this topic. Write a direct quote from your research.

E. Write the citation for the source from which the quote originates.

**REASON TWO**

A. Summarize why you disagree with your opposition’s logic stated in Reason Two on your “Opposition Research” Handout

B. Find a fact that refutes the opposition’s second reason (from your “Opposition Research”)

E. Write the citation for the source from which the quote originates.
C. Write the citation for the source from which the quote originates.

D. Now find an additional fact that supports your side to this topic.

E. Write the citation for the source from which the quote originates.

Sample

REASON ONE
A. Summarize why you disagree with the opposition’s logic.
Bengals are as friendly as other domesticated cats.
B. Find a fact that refutes the opposition’s first reason (from your “Opposition Research”).
Michael Dee, a big cat expert at the Los Angeles Zoo who is admittedly opposed to the crossing of wild and domestic animals, even concedes that “most wild tendencies are probably bred out of the animal after five generations” (Hamilton J-10).
C. Write the citation for the source from which the quote originates.

D. Now find an additional fact that supports your side to this topic.
“The Asian leopard cat is timid and reclusive” (Hamilton J-10).
E. Write the citation for the source from which the quote originates.

REASON TWO
A. Summarize why you disagree with the opposition’s logic.
Hybridization actually makes animals healthier due to the expansion of the gene pool.
B. Find a fact that refutes the opposition’s second reason (from your “Opposition Research”).
Entropion is the only known health problem associated with the Bengal (Complete).

C. Write the citation for the source from which the quote originates.
D. **Now find an additional fact that supports your side to this topic.**
Himalayans and Persians suffer from “tear overflow; constricted nostrils (which may lead to noisy breathing and may also make the cat less able to cope with high temperatures); dental malocclusions (teeth that fail to meet each other properly, possibly causing more rapid buildup of plaque and tartar); cherry eye; entropion; polycystic kidney disease; seborrhea oleosa (a skin condition that causes itchiness, redness, and hair loss); [and] susceptibility to ringworm” (Richards). Siamese, considered by some the most popular breed, is prone to “crossed eyes due to an inherited neurological defect; nystagmus (a slight but very rapid jerking back-and-forth of the eyes); [and] congenital heart defects” (Complete).

E. **Write the citation for the source from which the quote originates.**