**Argument of Definition Paragraph And Counter/Concession Paragraph Outline**

NOTE: Usually arguments of definition are COMBINED with the others (evaluation/proposal). Therefore, this is a TWO paragraph format. You may want to SKIP the counter paragraph if you are limited on time.

**Paragraph One**

First Sentence/ Definition Claim (This is where you define a **key concept**)

Second Sentence: Introduce GOPHERS #1 (Significance of the definition OR additional key terms to be defined, explained):

*Most research looks at TOPIC/KEY CONCEPT as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (this can be a short definition OR can be extenuated to include many key terms with explanations that follow)*

Third & Fourth Sentence: Commentary

Fifth Sentence: Introduce GOPHERS #2 (Evidence to support your definition):

 *A growing body of research supports this (these) definitions. For example \_\_\_\_\_\_*

Sixth & Seventh Sentences: Commentary:

**Paragraph Two**

First Sentence: Counter/Concession Definition/ Argumentative Move (Some will argue, etc.):

 *Some will define this issue more broadly (more narrowly), yet ultimately, they fail to see the significance of  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

Second Sentence: Counter/Concession GOPHERS #1 (Evidence that supports a different definition):

*One persistent alternative definition seems to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

Third Sentence: Commentary/ Argumentative Move (Although persuasive, etc.):

 *Although somewhat persuasive, this definition of TOPIC fails to address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

Fourth Sentence: Introduce GOPHERS #3 (Evidence that supports YOUR definition):

 *Therefore, the better way to define TOPIC would be to consider \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

Fifth and Sixth Sentences: Commentary

Seventh Sentence: Conclusion/Transition sentence to Argument of Evaluation