

Common Topics of Invention



Definition:
What kind of a thing is it?



Comparison:
What can I compare it to?



Relationship:
What is its relationship to other things?



Circumstance:
In what circumstances does this thing exist?



Testimony:
What do others have to say?

- Subtopics:**
- Genus/Species
 - Etymology
 - Synonym/Antonym
 - Description
 - Example

- Subtopics:**
- Similarity/Analogy
 - Difference
 - Degree

- Subtopics:**
- Cause/Effect
 - Antecedent/Consequent
 - Contraries/Contradictories

- Subtopics:**
- Possible/Impossible
 - Past Fact/Future Fact

- Subtopics:**
- Example/Precedent
 - Authority
 - Statistics
 - Proverbs/Maxim
 - Testimonial
 - Scripture

- Fallacies:**
- Equivocation
 - Amphiboly

- Fallacies:**
- False Analogy
 - Distinction without Difference
 - Snob Appeal
 - Appeal to Moderation

- Fallacies:**
- False Cause
 - Slippery Slope

- Fallacies:**
- False Analogy
 - Denying Antecedent
 - Affirming Consequence

- Fallacies:**
- Accent
 - Bandwagon
 - Hasty Generalization
 - Illegit Appeal to Authority