

PE Planning template observations

- Avoid dictionary definitions whenever possible. Look words up, but then use the dictionary definition in context.
- Try to avoid over simplistic examples. Use examples that reflect genuine differences in the fields you describe.
- Try to identify specific examples to support your counter argument.
- The consensus and disagreement should examine actual debates within the fields you are discussing to the extent possible.
- Don't just show opposing viewpoints, explain how these conflicts create robust K.
- Avoid asserting disagreements that don't exist within an academic discipline. For example, there is no debate in the natural science over the basic mechanism of evolution. What is debated is how this mechanism works in specific instances. The evolution/creation debate is not a part of the scientific debate in the natural sciences on this topic. Same applies to holocaust denial and climate change. Denial is different from professional disagreement. The topic is asking about professional disagreement.
- Remember that you are not limited to the materials from ToK. You absolutely can and should use examples from your other classes.
- Your examples should be specific and explain in depth in terms of their relation to your argument.

- The focus should be on disagreement within the AoK, not disagreement amongst non practitioners. The focus should be on the production of knowledge, not its use.
- If you are using ethics as an AoK, consider making the argument that, while no one theory seems totally “right” that it is the ability of the theories, when taken together, to show multiple ethical perspective on any given situation. This is the true value of ethics.
- You must examine two AoKs
- Make sure your sources are legitimate.
- Music and art would make good examples to the extent that they show how there are conflicts within the artistic community over right and wrong techniques and methods (think classical to romantic to modern in classical music) disagreement leads to evolution.
- The topic is not asking explicitly about the WoKs. The WoKs should only brought in if they are directly relevant to your argument.
- Avoid trivial examples (disagreements amongst your friends, flat Earth)
- Literature is an underused example. But remember to focus on professional disagreement and not just disagreement among lay readers.
- Focus is on disagreement within and AoK not between them.
- Anthropology is under used