

ar-gu-ment

noun \`är-gyə-mənt\

Definition of **ARGUMENT**

1

obsolete: an outward sign : INDICATION

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a: a reason given in proof or rebuttal

b: discourse intended to persuade

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a: the act or process of *arguing* : ARGUMENTATION

b: a coherent series of statements leading from a premise to a conclusion

c: QUARREL, DISAGREEMENT

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: an abstract or summary especially of a literary work <an *argument* preceded the poem>

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: the subject matter especially of a literary work

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a: one of the independent variables upon whose value that of a function depends

b: a substantive (as the direct object of a transitive verb) that is required by a predicate in grammar

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/argument>