

Template for Advocacy: Making Thinking and Reasoning Visible

Describe the focus of your advocacy.	<p>"An issue that is important to me is _____ _____." "I would like to focus our attention on _____ _____." "My assumptions are _____ _____."</p>
Describe your reasoning.	<p>"I came to this conclusion because _____ _____." "As I thought about this, I recognized _____ _____."</p>
Describe your feelings.	<p>"I feel _____ about this."</p>
Distinguish data from interpretation.	<p>"These are some observations that stand out for me in the data." "Now here is what I think these data mean."</p>
Reveal your perspective.	<p>"I'm seeing this from the viewpoint of _____ or _____ or _____." "Given my role and experience as a _____, _____."</p>
Frame the wider context that surrounds this issue.	<p>"It occurs to me that this proposal would affect several groups: _____ _____ _____."</p>
Give concrete examples.	<p>"To get a clear picture, imagine that you are in School X and _____ _____ _____."</p>

Source: Adapted from Senge, Kleiner, Roberts, & Ross, 1994.