

Chapter 8 – Generalization, analogy, and causation

Getting familiar with . . . arguments from analogy

Complete each of the following arguments from analogy by supplying the conclusion.

1.

1. Bear paw prints have five toe marks, five claw marks, and an oblongshaped pad mark.
2. This paw print has five toe marks, five claw marks, and an oblongshaped pad mark.
3. Thus, . . .

2.

1. *My* mug is red with “Starbucks” written on it, and a chip on the handle.
2. This mug is red with “Starbucks” written on it, and has a chip on the handle.
3. So, this is . . .

3.

1. The jeans I’m wearing are Gap brand, they are “classic fit,” they were made in Indonesia, and they fit great.
2. This pair of jeans are Gap brand, “classic fit,” and were made in Indonesia.
3. Therefore, . . .

4.

1. Alright, we have the same team and coach we won with last year against the same team.
2. We’re even wearing the same uniforms.
3. It is likely that . . .

5.

1. At the first crime scene, the door was kicked in and a playing card was left on the victim.
2. At this crime scene, the door was kicked in and there is a playing card on the victim.
3. Therefore, . . .

6. There are several stones here. Each stone has a broad head, sharp on one side. These stones are similar to tools used by a tribe in another region of this area. Therefore, these stones . . .

7. Everything I have read about this pickup truck tells me it is reliable and comfortable. There is a red one at the dealer. I want it because . . .

8. This bottle of wine is the same brand, grape, and vintage as the one we had for New Year’s Eve. And that bottle was great, so, . . .

9. This plant looks just like the edible plant in this guidebook. Therefore, . . .

10. All the desserts I love have ice cream, chocolate syrup, and sprinkles. This dessert has ice cream, chocolate syrup, and sprinkles. Therefore, . . .