*“Blackfish* presents a convincing argument that SeaWorld needs to change and that life for the orcas at SeaWorld is harmful.”

Do you agree or disagree with this statement. Write an essay examining how the author does or does not create her argument.

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| Main Idea: Here’s what I think: |
| Here are my Reasons: | 1. | 2. | 3. |
| Here is the evidence to back up my reasons: | 1. | 2. | 3. |
| Here is my explanation of my evidence: | 1. | 2. | 3. |
| Counterargument: You could argue that… |
| But here is the weakness with your argument… |
| When you weigh all the evidence, you can conclude that… (does the evidence suggest that Cowperthwaite makes a convincing argument or not?) |