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8-Sentence Argument Challenge

Topic: Should students be allowed to grade their teachers?

Sentence 1 — Bold claim: Make a **strong, confident statement** that clearly shows your opinion.

Example: Students should have the power to grade their teachers just as teachers grade their students.

Sentence 2 — Definition/fact: Give a **simple fact, definition, or background statement** that helps the reader understand the topic.

Example: Feedback is essential for improvement in any profession, including education.

Sentence 3 — Rhetorical question: **Ask a question** that makes the reader think and leads them toward your viewpoint.

Example: If teachers evaluate students to help them grow, shouldn't students be able to do the same for their teachers?

Sentence 4 — First reason: Share your **first main reason** why your opinion is correct.

Example: Students experience teaching firsthand and can offer valuable insight into what works and what doesn't.

Sentence 5 — Comparison/scenario: Use a **comparison, example, or scenario** to make your reason easier to understand.

Example: Just as restaurants improve based on customer reviews, teachers could refine lessons based on student feedback.

Sentence 6 — Counterargument: Briefly mention the **most common opposing viewpoint**.

Example: Some argue that students might give unfair grades based on personal feelings instead of teaching quality.

Sentence 7 — Refutation: Explain why that **counterargument is wrong, weak, or less important** than your point.

Example: With clear guidelines and anonymous surveys, student evaluations could stay fair and constructive.

Sentence 8 — Memorable close/call to action: End with a **strong final sentence** that leaves the reader thinking or ready to agree with you.

Example: When both sides give feedback, the classroom becomes a place where everyone can grow.

