

Persuasive/ Argumentative Essay Outline

Introduction:

- A. Get the reader's attention by using a "hook"
- B. Give some background information on the issue/topic
- C. Thesis or focus statement (**STATE** your claim at the end of your introduction)

I. First argument or reason to support your position:

- A. Topic sentence explaining your point and reason
- B. Introduce your evidence
- C. Elaborate on your evidence and why it relates back to your position
- D. Concluding sentence

II. Second argument or reason to support your position:

- A. Topic sentence explaining your point and reason
- B. Introduce your evidence
- C. Elaborate on your evidence and why it relates back to your position
- D. Concluding sentence

III. Third argument or reason to support your position:

- A. Topic sentence explaining your point and reason
- B. Introduce your evidence
- C. Elaborate on your evidence and why it relates back to your position
- D. Concluding sentence

IV. Opposing Viewpoint: (This is optional, however, recommended so that the reader will know you have considered another point of view and have a rebuttal to it.)

*** Please check with your professor to make sure you can include this into your essay***

- A. Opposing point to your argument.
- B. Your rebuttal to the opposing point.
- C. Elaboration to back up your rebuttal.

Conclusion:

- A. Summary of main points or reasons
- B. Restate thesis statement
- C. Personal comment or call to action

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Thesis Sentence _____

Reason/Example A: _____

Supporting Details: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Reason/Example B: _____

Supporting Details: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Reason/Example C: _____

Supporting Details: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Counterargument (If Applicable): _____

Conclusion: _____

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