

# Comprehensive Argumentative Essay Research Outline

## I. Introduction

### A. Hook/Attention-Getter:

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### B. Background Context:

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### C. Issue/Problem Statement:

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### D. Thesis Statement:

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## II. Body Paragraph 1

### A. Topic Sentence/Main Argument:

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### B. Evidence #1:

- Quote/Data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: How does this support your argument? \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Evidence #2:

- Quote/Data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: How does this support your argument? \_\_\_\_\_

### D. Evidence #3:

- Quote/Data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: How does this support your argument? \_\_\_\_\_

## E. Concluding Analysis:

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## III. Body Paragraph 2

### A. Topic Sentence/Main Argument:

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### B. Evidence #1:

- Quote/Data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: How does this support your argument? \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Evidence #2:

- Quote/Data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: How does this support your argument? \_\_\_\_\_

### D. Evidence #3:

- Quote/Data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: How does this support your argument? \_\_\_\_\_

## E. Concluding Analysis:

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## IV. Body Paragraph 3

### A. Topic Sentence/Main Argument:

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### B. Evidence #1:

- Quote/Data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: How does this support your argument? \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Evidence #2:

- Quote/Data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: How does this support your argument? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **D. Evidence #3:**

- Quote/Data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: How does this support your argument? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **E. Concluding Analysis:**

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### **V. Body Paragraph 4 (Optional - For Longer Papers)**

#### **A. Topic Sentence/Main Argument:**

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#### **B. Evidence #1:**

- Quote/Data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: How does this support your argument? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **C. Evidence #2:**

- Quote/Data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: How does this support your argument? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **D. Evidence #3:**

- Quote/Data: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: How does this support your argument? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **E. Concluding Analysis:**

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### **VI. Counterargument & Rebuttal**

### **A. Transition to Opposing View:**

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### **B. Opposing Argument #1:**

- Claim: \_\_\_\_\_
- Evidence Supporting Opposition: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **C. Your Rebuttal to Argument #1:**

- Refutation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Supporting Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **D. Opposing Argument #2 (Optional):**

- Claim: \_\_\_\_\_
- Evidence Supporting Opposition: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **E. Your Rebuttal to Argument #2:**

- Refutation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Supporting Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source Citation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **F. Why Your Position Still Stands:**

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## **VII. Conclusion**

### **A. Restate Thesis (in new words):**

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### **B. Synthesize Main Arguments:**

- Point 1 Summary: \_\_\_\_\_
- Point 2 Summary: \_\_\_\_\_
- Point 3 Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

### **C. Broader Implications:**

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**D. Call to Action/Final Thought:**

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**VIII. Works Cited/References**

**Source 1:**

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**Source 2:**

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**Source 3:**

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**Source 4:**

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**Source 5:**

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**Source 6:**

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**Source 7:**

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**Source 8:**

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