

Persuasive/Argumentative Essay Outline

Introduction:

- A. Get the reader's attention with a "hook" or grabber about your topic
- B. Provide any background information that your reader will need to understand your topic.
- C. Thesis statement (argument)

Main Body Paragraph 1: First reason to support your argument:

- A. Topic sentence explaining your point/reason
- B. Possible mention of an opposing view to this point
- C. Evidence to back your point
- D. Transition

Main Body Paragraph 2: Second reason to support your argument:

- A. Topic sentence explaining your point/reason
- B. Possible mention of an opposing view to this point
- C. Evidence to back your point
- D. Transition

Main Body Paragraph 3: Third reason to support your argument:

- A. Topic sentence explaining your point/reason
- B. Possible mention of an opposing view to this point
- C. Evidence to back your point
- D. Transition

Opposing Viewpoint

This paragraph lets the reader know that you have considered opposing points of view and have a rebuttal to them.

- A. Opposing view to your argument
- B. Your rebuttal (how your argument is right to counter this opposition)
- C. Evidence to back your rebuttal

Conclusion

- A. Restate thesis statement (argument)
- B. Summary of main reasons to support your argument
- C. Finalizing statement about your topic and argument