

TEMPLATE FOR ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

Directions: You should have 5 paragraphs, first is the introduction, second is the first body paragraph, third is the second body paragraph, fourth is the counterclaim paragraph, and fifth is the conclusion.

EVERY ONE OF THE NUMBERS BELOW SHOULD BE A SEPARATE SENTENCE!!!

First Paragraph: Introduction (5 individual sentences)

1. Hook
 - a. Something to make the reader want to read the essay.
 - b. Should generally be about the essay topic.
2. Thesis Sentence
 - a. States your topic
 - b. States the position (side) you are taking
 - c. Generally states how you will prove what you are saying
3. Basic Sentence about Claim
 - a. States the basics of what will be in body paragraph 1 and 2
4. Basic Sentence about Counter Claim
 - a. States basics of what will be in body paragraph 3
5. Transition Sentence
 - a. Should make an easy transition from introduction into your first facts
 - b. Easily moves the reader into what you are talking about in body paragraph one

Body Paragraph One: States your first set of facts to prove your point (5 individual sentences)

1. Topic Sentence
 - a. Tells the reader what you are talking about in this paragraph
 - b. States your position and introduces the first set of facts
2. Fact 1.1
 - a. States position and then the fact
 - b. ONLY PUT YOUR FACT INTO A SENTENCE, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
3. Fact 1.2
 - a. States position and then the second fact
 - b. ONLY STATE FACT IN SENTENCE FORM, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
4. Fact 1.3
 - a. State position and then the third fact
 - b. ONLY STATE FACT IN SENTENCE FORM, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
5. Transition Sentence
 - a. Transitions reader into next paragraph
 - b. Moves reader from first set of facts to second set of facts

Body Paragraph Two: States your second set of facts to prove your point (5 sentences)

1. Topic Sentence
 - a. Tells the reader what you are talking about in paragraph
 - b. States position again and introduces second set of facts
2. Fact 2.1
 - a. States your position and then the first fact

- b. ONLY STATE FACT IN SENTENCE FORM, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
- 3. Fact 2.2
 - a. States your position and then the second fact
 - b. ONLY STATE FACT IN SENTENCE FORM, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
- 4. Fact 2.3
 - a. States your position and then the third fact
 - b. ONLY STATE FACT IN SENTENCE FORM, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
- 5. Transition Sentence
 - a. Transitions into your counterclaim
 - b. Introduces reader to the fact that some people don't believe like you do

Body Paragraph Three: Counterclaim: Introduces Other side of Topic (5 sentences)

- 1. Topic Sentence
 - a. States topic again
 - b. States what the other side is
 - c. Generally states the other side's "facts"
- 2. Other side "fact" 1.1
 - a. States other side's first "fact"
 - b. ONLY STATE OTHER SIDE'S "FACT", **DO NOT ADD INFO**
- 3. Other side "fact" 1.2
 - a. States other side's second "fact"
 - b. ONLY STATE OTHER SIDE'S "FACT" IN SENTENCE FORM, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
- 4. Other side "fact" 1.3
 - a. States other side's third "fact"
 - b. ONLY STATE OTHER SIDE'S "FACT" IN SENTENCE FORM, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
- 5. Wrap-up Sentence Stating you are Right
 - a. States the topic again
 - b. States your facts are right and better
 - c. Nicely states other side is wrong

Conclusion Paragraph: Concludes Your Essay {Similar to Introduction} (5 sentences)

- 1. Restate hook
 - a. You showed the reader what you meant by your hook in essay
 - b. Verify the meaning of your hook
- 2. Restate Thesis
 - a. Take Second sentence of Introduction and restate it
 - b. Should say same thing with slightly different words
- 3. Restate general idea of Body Paragraphs (**but not counterclaim**)
 - a. A general restate of how you proved your side was right
- 4. Restate counterclaim
 - a. "Even though some believe "that", the facts prove it is "this"
- 5. State you are right
 - a. Restate the topic
 - b. Restate your position
 - c. State the facts prove your position is correct