

ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY OUTLINE

CLAIM:

SUB-CLAIM #1:

SUB-CLAIM #2:

SUB-CLAIM #3:

C - CLAIM (SUB-CLAIM)

E - EVIDENCE

R - REASONING

1st paragraph – Introduction

Hook	Grab the reader's attention!!! Start with a great opening sentence to get the reader's attention—a quote, an outrageous, surprising, or shocking fact, a relevant statistic or rhetorical question.
Summarize Issue	Explain Topic / Build Background / Brief Summary of the Issue:
Thesis Statement	Thesis Statement: A clear, strong statement of your opinion on the issue

2nd Paragraph

1 st Paragraph of the Body	Sub-Claim #1 w/transition
	Evidence
	Reasoning
	Closing statement w/transition

3rd Paragraph

2nd Paragraph of the Body	Sub-Claim #2 w/transition
	Evidence
	Reasoning
	Closing statement w/transition

4th Paragraph

3 rd Paragraph of the Body	Sub-Claim #3 w/transition
	Evidence
	Reasoning
	Closing statement w/transition

5th Paragraph

4 th Paragraph in the Body	<p>Counter Claim - The other side of the argument. Begin with transitions...like this....</p> <p>On the other hand, some people say ____ (CC) _____. This point of view makes sense because ____ (EVIDENCE) _____ and ____ (REASONING) _____. However, ____ (REBUTTAL) _____. This is where you are essentially saying NO, you are wrong and this why ____ (REFUTATION) _____. This is your evidence and reasoning why the CC is wrong.</p>

6th Paragraph - Conclusion

Restate Thesis	Restate your thesis from paragraph one in a new and original way. (Make sure to include a transition.)
Main Points	Summarize the first 3 body paragraphs. Use 2-3 sentences to remind you readers of your main points.
Final Statement	Looking for an idea? Try referring to your hook, finding a quote, or inspiring your readers?