

Argumentative Research Paper Outline

Paragraph I: Introduction

- A. State the issue (2-3 sentences)
- B. Well-developed thesis statement (1 sentence)
- C. Reasons for argument (3 sentences minimum)

1. 1st Main point

- A. Topic sentence
- B. Introduce citation
- C. Citation
- D. Evaluation of citation
- E. Introduce citation #2
- F. Citation #2
- G. Evaluation of citation #2
- H. Summary of 1st main point

2. 2nd Main point

- A. Topic sentence
- B. Introduce citation
- C. Citation
- D. Evaluation of citation
- E. Introduce citation #2
- F. Citation #2
- G. Evaluation of citation #2
- H. Summary of 2nd main point

3. 3rd Main point

- A. Topic sentence
- B. Introduce citation
- C. Citation
- D. Evaluation of citation
- E. Introduce citation #2
- F. Citation #2
- G. Evaluation of citation #2
- H. Summary of 3rd main point

4. Refutation of other side

- A. Topic sentence
- B. Introduce citation
- C. Citation
- D. Evaluation of citation
- E. Introduce citation #2
- F. Citation #2
- G. Evaluation of citation #2
- H. Summary of refutation

Section III: Conclusion

- A. Restate the issue
- B. Highlight points
- C. Offer conclusions