

Argumentative Essay

- The argumentative essay is a genre of writing that requires you to _____ a _____; collect, generate, and evaluate evidence; and _____ on the topic in concise manner.
- Argumentative essay assignments generally call for extensive research of literature or previously published material.
- Argumentative assignments may also require empirical research where the student collects data through interviews, surveys, observations, or experiments.
- Detailed research allows you to learn about the topic and to understand _____ regarding the topic so that she/he may choose a position and _____ it with the _____ collected during research.
- Regardless of the amount or type of research involved, argumentative essays must establish a _____ and follow _____.

“It’s not enough to question authority; you have to _____ with _____.”
Taylor Mali

Write your single sentence for the first topic here:

Write your single sentence for the second topic here:

Write your single sentence for the third topic here:

What four elements does a good argumentative essay need?

Introduction: Claim—Thesis

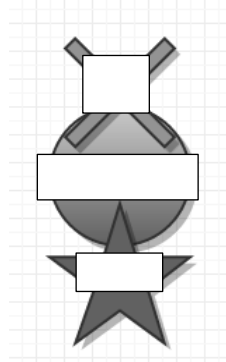
Your first sentence is comprised of a _____.

A hook is a sentence that _____

- You need a clear, concise, and defined claim or _____ statement that occurs in the _____ paragraph of the essay.
 - Your _____ on an issue.
 - Needs to be _____.
 - Needs to be something _____ reasonable people could have an _____ about.

Introduction: Claim—Thesis

- In the first paragraph set the context by _____ the topic in a general way.
- Next explain why the topic is _____ or why readers should care about the issue.
- Lastly, you should present the _____ statement.



Body Paragraph

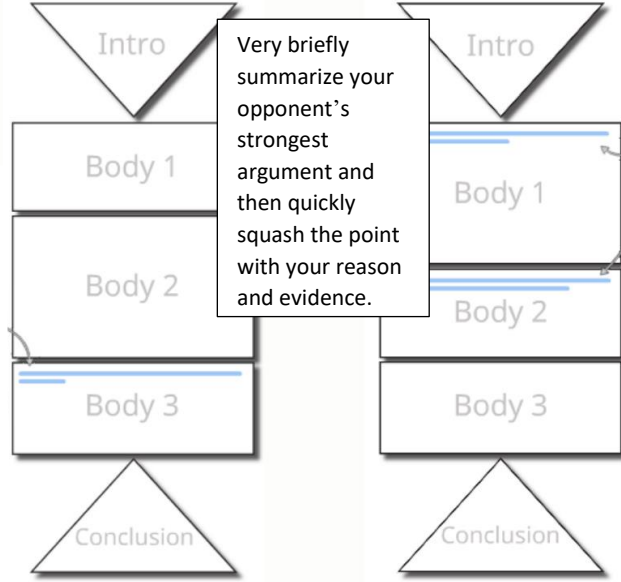
Reasons	Evidence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The main idea or _____ that led you to your claim ▪ Each paragraph in the body of the essay must have some _____ connection to the thesis statement. ▪ Some paragraphs will directly support the thesis statement with evidence collected during research. It is also important to explain how and why the evidence supports the thesis (warrant). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ _____ that support your claim ▪ Research and cite reliable sources. ▪ Be sure to _____ to your reader how the evidence _____ ▪ It is not enough to just list interesting data and facts. ▪ You _____ the _____ to your _____ with solid argumentation and voice.



Counterclaim

- In this section, you state your _____ views and then offer a _____.
- Consider and explain differing points of view.
- Dictate _____ to _____ paragraphs of an argument essay to discussing the conflicting opinion.
- Counterclaim should be no longer than _____.

Two counterclaim approaches that work:



In one approach, save the counterclaim until you begin the third paragraph. Open by acknowledging your opponent's strongest counterclaim to your argument and then quickly turn the tables to prove why they are wrong.

In another approach, use the one or two best counterclaim arguments to begin your first and/or second body paragraphs. Again, keep these sentences brief and then quickly pounce on your opponent's point by using clear reasons and strong evidence to prove that you are right.

Conclusion

- A conclusion does not simply restate the thesis, but _____ it in light of the _____.
- This is the portion of the essay that will leave the most immediate impression on the mind of the reader. Therefore, it must be _____ and _____.
- Do not introduce any new information into the conclusion; rather, synthesize the information presented in the body of the essay.
- Restate _____ the _____ is _____, review the main points, and _____ your _____.
- Paint a picture of the world if your argument is (or is not) implemented.