

# ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY OUTLINE

## INTRODUCTION

**The Hook:** Start with an interesting sentence that will “hook” the reader.

**Connection:** Write a sentence or two that will help the reader connect with you.

**Claim (Thesis):** This is the main argument you are making in your paper.

## NARRATION

**Topic Sentence:** Introduce the main idea of this paragraph.

**Background Info:** Summarize the relevant information the reader needs to know to understand the context of your claim.

## CONFIRMATION

**Topic Sentence:** Introduce the main idea of this paragraph.

**Argument:** Explain one reason your claim is correct.

**Evidence Quote:** Use a quote from the documents that supports your claim.

**Analysis:** Write an explanation of how this quote supports your claim.

## ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY OUTLINE (Continued)

<b>REFUTATION</b>	<b>Topic Sentence / Opposing Claim:</b> Introduce the opposing claim.	Others may argue that _____ _____
	<b>Opposing Quote:</b> Use a quote that supports the opposing claim.	_____ _____
	<b>Refutation:</b> Write an explanation of why the opposing claim is incorrect.	However, _____ _____
	<b>Refutation Quote:</b> Use a quote that supports your side of the argument.	_____ _____
	<b>Analysis:</b> Write an explanation of how this quote supports your claim.	_____ _____
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	<b>Topic Sentence:</b> Introduce the main idea of this paragraph.	In conclusion, _____ _____
	<b>Confirmation:</b> Summarize the main points of the confirmation section.	_____ _____
	<b>Refutation:</b> Summarize the main points of the refutation section.	_____ _____
	<b>The Closer:</b> End with a powerful statement that wraps up your argument.	_____ _____