

# Argumentative Essay Outline Template

## Introduction

**General Statement:** about the topic. This should grab your reader's attention.

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**Overview of Main Points:** ideas that you will discuss in further detail in the body of your essay.

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**Thesis Statement:** Should answer the What? Why? How? So What? (This is the "core" of your essay)

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## Body of Essay

### **Main Point 1:**

Claim (Argument) -

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Evidence (Quotations, Paraphrases, Examples)

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Significance/Elaboration (The relationship between your claim and the evidence. The connection of the point to the thesis statement).

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Transition Sentence (Concludes your paragraph and point; can lead in to next point)

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### **Main Point 2:**

Claim (Argument) -

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Evidence (Quotations, Paraphrases, Examples)

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Significance/Elaboration (The relationship between your claim and the evidence. The connection of the point to the thesis statement).

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Transition Sentence (Concludes your paragraph and point; can lead in to next point)

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## **Main Point 3:**

Claim (Argument) -

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Evidence (Quotations, Paraphrases, Examples)

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Significance/Elaboration (The relationship between your claim and the evidence. The connection of the point to the thesis statement).

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Transition Sentence (Concludes your paragraph and point; can lead in to next point)

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## **Main Point 4:**

Claim (Argument) -

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Evidence (Quotations, Paraphrases, Examples)

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Significance/Elaboration (The relationship between your claim and the evidence. The connection of the point to the thesis statement).

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Transition Sentence (Concludes your paragraph and point; can lead in to next point)

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## **Conclusion**

**Thesis Restated:**

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**Summary of Main Points:**

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**Closing Sentence:** (a suggestion for the future, something memorable to leave for your reader, possible research questions for future analysis, a solution to the problem you raised)

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