

# Persuasive Essay Outline College

## **I. Introduction:**

- A. Get the readers attention by using a "hook."
- B. Give some background information (Summary).
- C. Thesis statement (Focus statement).

## **II. First argument or reason to support your position:**

- A. Topic sentence to help explain your point.
- B. Elaboration to back your point. Remember to cite relevant information.
- C. So What!

## **III. Second argument or reason to support your position:**

- A. Topic sentence explaining your point.
- B. Elaboration to back your point. Remember to cite relevant information.
- C. So What!

## **IV. Third argument or reason to support your position:**

- A. Topic sentence explaining your point.
- B. Elaboration to back your point. Remember to cite relevant information.
- C. So What!

## **V. Opposing Viewpoint: (This component is required to “meet the standard.” Its purpose is to let the reader know you have considered another point of view and have a rebuttal to it.)**

- A. Opposing point to your argument. (Be sure to select a valid point you can successfully rebut).
- B. Your rebuttal to the opposing point.
- C. Elaboration to back your rebuttal.

## **VI. Conclusion:**

- A. Summary of main points or reasons
- B. Restate Focus statement.
- C. Personal comment or a call to action.