

Writing formulaic arguments

INTRO

- Hook
- Transition (extension of hook, brief background)
- Thesis (one sentence position)

BODY PARA 1 - CONCESSION

- Counterclaim with explanation
- Rebuttal with evidence

BODY PARA 2 - REASON #1

- Claim stating first reason in support of your thesis
- Blended text evidence 1
- 2 sentences of elaboration
- Blended text evidence 2
- 2 sentences of elaboration

BODY PARA 3 - REASON #2

- Claim stating second reason in support of your thesis
- Blended text evidence 1
- 2 sentences of elaboration
- Blended text evidence 2
- 2 sentences of elaboration

CONCLUSION

- Revisit thesis
- Revisit hook
- “So what?”

DON'T LEAVE POINTS ON THE TABLE! MAKE SURE YOU DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Use transitional words/ phrases
- Cite your sources
- Use evidence from more than one passage
- Capitalize/punctuate