

Argumentative Essay Graphic Organizer

5 Paragraph Essay Outline:

1. Intro ending in thesis
2. Counterclaim (other side's point) & Rebuttal (your side to prove the other side wrong)
3. Body Paragraph for Reason 1
4. Body Paragraph for Reason 2
5. Conclusion

Write the planning for your essay here:

KEEP IN MIND WHEN YOU DRAFT:

INTRO PARAGRAPH

- ★ **Hook** (Ask a question, scenario, simile, etc.)
- ★ **Transitional Sentences** (Build on your hook for a sentence or two and then make your way to the thesis.)
- ★ **Thesis** (words from the prompt plus your first 2 reasons)

BODY PARAGRAPH 1

- ★ **Counterclaim** (opposing side – start with a transition like “Some people believe”)
- ★ **Evidence 1** (**you don't need to elaborate on the counterclaim evidence)
- ★ **Rebuttal** (your side – start with a transition like “However...” to get to your side)
- ★ **Evidence 2**
- ★ **Elaboration** (2 sentences; if you're stuck you can start with something like “This is important because”)
- ★ **Concluding Sentence** (start with a transition like “all in all” or “in summary”)

BODY PARAGRAPH 2

- ★ **Topic Sentence** (second reason from thesis)
- ★ **Evidence 1**
- ★ **Elaboration** (2 sentences; if you're stuck you can start with something like “This is important because”)

★ **Evidence 2**

★ **Elaboration** (2 sentences; if you're stuck you can start with something like "This is important because")

★ **Concluding Sentence** (start with a transition like "all in all" or "in summary")

BODY PARAGRAPH 3

★ **Topic Sentence** (first reason from thesis)

★ **Evidence 1**

★ **Elaboration** (2 sentences; if you're stuck you can start with something like "This is important because")

★ **Evidence 2**

★ **Elaboration** (2 sentences; if you're stuck you can start with something like "This is important because")

★ **Concluding Sentence** (start with a transition like "all in all" or "in summary")

CONCLUSION

★ Revisit your thesis

★ Revisit your hook

★ Answer "So what?" (Why is this topic important/worthwhile?)