

## Argumentative Essay Graphic Organizer

### 5 Paragraph Essay Outline:

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

### Write the planning for your essay here:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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### INTRO PARAGRAPH

- ★ **Hook** (rhetorical question, imagine statement, figurative language, etc.)
- ★ **Background Sentences** (1 sentence introducing title, author, and detail from each passage)
- ★ **Thesis** (words from the prompt plus your first 2 reasons)

### BODY PARAGRAPH 1

- ★ **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")

### 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

- ★ **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")

### CONCLUSION

- ★ Reword your thesis ( start with a transition, then flip the order or break it into three sentences)
- ★ Review reason 1, 2, 3
- ★ Wrap up sentence (relate to hook, ask a question, or restate main point of essay)

