

Persuasive Essay Outline (5 paragraph essay) notes...

1. Introduction paragraph:

- A. Get the readers attention by using a “hook”. **Pull your audience in!**
 - 1. Quote, Fact, something interesting to start essay
- B. Give some **background information about topic**. Explain what the topic is and why it is controversial or important to you.
- C. **Thesis or focus statement (MUST BE STATED in the LAST sentence of your introduction paragraph)**.
 - 1. This is a sentence stating your opinion about the topic and will be proven in the rest of your essay with 3 strong reasons and support.
 - a. Example: I am in favor of _____ because _____, _____, and _____.
 - b. Example: I am against _____ because _____, _____, and _____.

2. Body Paragraphs:

- A. **(1st body paragraph) First argument or reason** to support your position
 - 1. Topic sentence explaining your first reason.
 - a. Example: My first reason for being against _____ is _____.
 - 2. Provide support/evidence to prove your first reason.
 - a. Facts, data, examples, etc.
- B. **(2nd body paragraph) Second argument or reason** to support your position.
 - 1. Topic sentence explaining your second reason.
 - a. Example: Another reason I do not support _____ is _____.
 - 2. Provide support for your second reason
 - a. Facts, data, examples, etc.
- C. **(3rd body paragraph) Counter argument and third reason** to support position.
 - 1. State what the other side believes or may argue
 - a. Example: Some may argue _____
 - 2. Challenge their argument with your third reason and provide support.
 - b. Example: but I disagree because _____.

c. Give support such as facts, data, examples, etc. explaining why your opinion is right and the other side is not right.

3. Conclusion Paragraph:

A. Sum up your main points and 3 reasons.

B. Restate your thesis. Example: I am strongly against

C. Final words: last comments or call to action. Encourage the reader to agree with you and take your side on the issue.