

Argumentative Essay template

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The topic of *(state the topic)* is important because *(state a reason why the topic is being debated)*. It is a *unique / complicated* issue because *(give background information and details about the problem. You can include examples to illustrate the struggle or issue)*. *(Restate the topic with your point of view)*.

One reason *for / against (state the topic)* is *(give your first reason)*. *(Explain the first supporting detail)*. For instance *(give a specific detail to this reason)*. *(Cite your source)* In addition, *(give another example to support this reason)* Thus, *(explain how these examples support your reason)*.

Another rationale *for / against (state the topic)* is *(give your second reason)* . *(Explain the second supporting detail)*. For example *(give an example of this detail)*. *(Cite your source)* Furthermore, *(give another example to support this reason)*. *(Cite your source)* Consequently, *(explain how this example supports your reason)*.

In addition, *(give your third reason)* . *(Explain the third supporting detail)*. This can best be illustrated by *(give an example of this detail)*. *(Cite your source)* Moreover, *(give another example to support this reason)*. *(Cite your source)* Consequently, *(explain how this example supports your reason)*.

However, it is often argued that *(summarize the opposing argument)*. Certainly, *(acknowledge the parts of the opposition that are valid)*. Nevertheless, *(explain the weaknesses in the opponent's claim)*. Therefore, *(summarize why the counter argument is not a sufficient solution)*.

(Restate the topic) is relevant today because *(state why this is important today in a new way)*. *(Restate your claim in a new way)*. *(Briefly restate your main points)*. In conclusion, *(write your final sentence)*.