

ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

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- ⦿ a genre of writing that requires the student to investigate a topic; collect, generate, and evaluate evidence; and establish a position on the topic in a concise manner

STRUCTURE

- A clear, concise, and defined thesis statement that occurs in the first paragraph of the essay:
 - I. set the context by reviewing the topic in a general way
 - II. explain why the topic is important
 - III. present the thesis statement

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- ⦿ Body paragraphs that include evidential support:
 - I. Defend your position
 - II. Each paragraph should be limited to the discussion of one general idea
 - III. each paragraph in the body of the essay must have some logical connection to the thesis statement in the opening paragraph
 - IV. consider and explain differing points of view regarding the topic
 - V. dedicate one or two paragraphs of an argumentative essay to discussing conflicting opinions on the topic

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● Conclusion

- I. Don't simply restate the thesis, but readdress it in light of the points you have made to defend your position
- I. Do not introduce any new information into the conclusion
- II. synthesize the information presented in the body of the essay
- III. Restate why the topic is important, review the main points, and review your thesis