**Argument Essay Block**

**Introductory Paragraph:**

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| Hook:  Can you prove your innocence in a murder case? Nobody knows who the real killer is, and the primary suspect is you. What would you do? |
| Transition Sentence:  This happened in a high school 20 years ago. A girl by the name of Hae Lee was killed, leaving many questions unanswered. The main suspect is Adnan Syed. Will the case of Adnan Syed prove who killed Hae Lee? |
| Claim/Thesis Statement:  Adnan is innocent when dealing with Hae Lee’s murder and death. |

**Body Paragraph #1**

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| Topic Sentence: Jay is a massive liar and could have fabricated and exaggerated many parts of the timeline/story. |
| Quote (at least one) that Supports Claim (with page number):  In episode 8, many of Jay’s friends state that Jay is a big liar. In the episode, Cathy says “The first thing that popped into my head was ‘Jay lies. That’s why he does that. Jay lies about everything.’” Jay would lie on everything, including insignificant and minor things. |
| Explanation (Link the quote back to your claim):  This quote said by one of Jay’s friend at the time explains how Jay lies to exaggerate and make his story seem better. Jay would change details about a story and is very inconsistent. |
| Conclusion Sentence (Use a transition word to link this reason/paragraph to the next one):  Although Jay is a confirmed big liar, the state believes Jay since he thinks there is no reason to lie on such an important matter. His stories are very inconsistent and even the state figured out some drastic lies he told. This is a reason to why Adnan is innocent. |

**Body Paragraph #2**

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| Topic Sentence: Suspicions with Don and Mr. S |
| Quote (at least one) that Supports Claim (with page number):  In episode 12, it mentions Don being very connected with the murders. First of all, in the episode, “Don said Hae was at his house in a town north of Baltimore City on the night of January 12, the night before she went missing. He said she wanted to spend the whole next day with him too.” Also, in episode 3, Mr. S found Hae’s body in Leakin Park. Everyone was confused on how he found the body, as it was very well hidden in the ground. “I didn’t understand how camouflaged the body was until I saw photos of the crime scene, the way Mr. S found it, before they removed the body.” The next quote is going to be from Justin George, a crime reporter, “How could he notice the body? I don’t understand that either. I mean it’s pretty well covered.” |
| Explanation (Link the quote back to your claim):  The quotes indicate that both Don and Mr. S may have some connection with the murder of Hae. It is very weird to have Mr. S find Hae’s body when it was difficult for a professional crime reporter, who knows where the body is, to find the body himself. |
| Conclusion Sentence (Use a transition word to link this reason/paragraph to the next one): |

**Body Paragraph #3**

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| Counterclaim: |
| Quote that Supports Counterclaim (with page number): |
| Rebuttal - PROVE THE COUNTERCLAIM IS FALSE OR INEFFECTIVE (with quote that supports your claim/thesis): |

**Conclusion Paragraph**

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| Re-Hook (Revisit the idea from your hook in a new & interesting way): |
| Transition Sentence: |
| Knockout Punch! (Offer a solution or a final BIG IDEA regarding your topic): |