

# Argumentative Writing: Graphic Organizer

1. As in any essay, the first paragraph of your argumentative essay should contain a brief explanation of your topic, some background information, and a thesis statement. In this case, your thesis will be a statement of your position on a particular controversial topic. You are making a claim!

2. Support your claim with more than one supporting reason - in logical order. Next, give evidence to support your reasons.

Reasons/Supporting details		
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Evidence		
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3. Make at least one (1) counter-claim (the other side of the argument).

4. Next, provide facts or examples to refute it (make a rebuttal).

Counter-claims	Rebuttal

5. Provide a concluding statement that calls the audience to take action.