Argumentative Essay Outline Template

I. Introduction

A. Hook: - Start with a compelling sentence to grab the reader's attention. B. Background Information: - Provide some context or background information on the topic. C. Thesis Statement: - Clearly state your position on the topic and briefly outline the main arguments that will be discussed.

II. Body Paragraphs

A. Topic Sentence for Argument 1: - Introduce the main argument of this paragraph. B. Evidence: - Present evidence or examples to support your argument. C. Explanation: - Explain how the evidence supports your argument. D. Counterargument: - Acknowledge a counterargument and refute it or show why it's not valid (optional). E. Concluding Sentence: - Sum up the main point of the paragraph and transition to the next one.

Repeat the structure (A to E) for each subsequent body paragraph, focusing on each new argument or point.

III. Counterargument

A. Acknowledge the opposing viewpoint briefly. B. Refutation: - Provide evidence or reasoning to refute the counterargument. C. Concluding Sentence: - Reinforce your thesis in light of the counterargument.

IV. Conclusion

A. Restate Thesis: - Summarize your main argument and thesis statement. B. Summary of Main Points: - Briefly recap the main arguments discussed in the essay. C. Call to Action or

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Implication: - End with a thought-provoking statement, a call to action, or a question for further consideration.

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