

Rogerian Outline Template

I. Introduction

A. Hook or issue introduction: _____

B. Background and context: _____

II. Summary of Opposing View

A. Opposing position explained fairly: _____

B. Evidence or reasoning supporting opposing view: _____

C. Acknowledgment of validity: _____

III. Statement of Common Ground

A. Shared values or goals: _____

B. Areas of agreement: _____

IV. Writer's Position

A. Thesis or claim presented respectfully: _____

B. Reason 1 with explanation: _____

C. Reason 2 with explanation: _____

V. Benefits to Opposing Side

A. How the proposed solution helps both sides: _____

B. Practical or ethical advantages: _____

VI. Conclusion

A. Restated position: _____

B. Emphasis on cooperation or compromise: _____