

PERSUASIVE ESSAY OUTLINE

*Purpose:* To persuade \_\_\_\_\_

*Audience:* \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 1: Introduction

Open with a catchy beginning such as a question, an unusual detail, a fact, or a strong statement.

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State the issue or question: \_\_\_\_\_

Opinion statement about the issue: *I believe* \_\_\_\_\_

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Paragraph 2: Reason and evidence for my position

Use words that show organization for this paragraph. For example: First . . . .

To begin with . . .      Number one . . .

Reason #1: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Evidence (examples/stories): \_\_\_\_\_

B. Evidence (examples/stories): \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 3: Reason and evidence for my position

Use words that show organization for this paragraph. For example: Second . . .

. . . Next . . .      Number two . . .

Reason #2: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Evidence (examples/stories): \_\_\_\_\_

B. Evidence (examples/stories): \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 4: Counter argument and my response to that argument

Use words that show organization for this paragraph. For example:

Some people may say. . . . . Some people may argue . . . Others  
believe . . . . . Others hold the opinion that . . .

A. Counter argument (reread the prompt): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B. My response/solutions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 5: Conclusion

Use words that show organization for this paragraph. For example:

In conclusion . . . . . To summarize . . . . . To restate my point . . . . .

Restate your opinion: *I believe* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Summarize the reasons you've given for your opinion.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Personal comment or make a call to action (please support/join/do) *if necessary* .

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