Outline of an argumentative essay – Classical pattern

This is the pattern you will have to use for the two essays of your portfolio.

I. Introduction
   A. Hook
   B. Background information
   C. Thesis statement
II. Reason 1 in favor of your thesis statement (Topic sentence)
   A. Supporting evidence
      1. Examples or details
   B. Supporting evidence
      1. Examples or details
   C. Concluding sentence
III. Reason 2 in favor of your thesis statement (Topic sentence)
   A. Supporting evidence
      1. Examples or details
   B. Supporting evidence
      1. Examples or details
   C. Concluding sentence
IV. Reason 1 against your thesis statement (Topic sentence)
   A. Supporting evidence
      1. Examples or details
   B. Supporting evidence
      1. Examples or details
   C. Concluding sentence
V. Conclusion
   A. Thesis restatement
   B. Summary of main points
   C. Clincher or final statement

Practice:
In small groups, choose one of the following thesis statements and create an argumentative essay outline. Make sure to follow the given structure.

In spite of being such a popular beverage around the world, coffee consumption is the cause of both physical and behavioral problems.

Wearing a mask in public places should be mandatory because it reduces viral transmission and protect others from illness even though detractors consider it unnecessary.

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