

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.

