

Writing Argumentative Essays



When asked to voice your views and arguments, it is suggested to use the following argumentative essay layout.



A. Drag the description of the different steps to their headings.

State your opinion clearly.

State views in favor of the topic.

State the topic of controversy.

State views against the topic.

Title
Introduction:
Body 1:
Body 2:
Conclusion:

B. Now, mention which are the useful words/phrases for each part of the layout?

INTRODUCTION

BODY (FOR or AGAINST)

BODY (COUNTERARGUMENT)

CONCLUSION

Other people argue that.../ opponents of the issue claim that... /on the other hand/ other people believe that.../
one argument against this is .../ critics maintain that/ point out that... ./Viewing the other side of the coin.

The issue of has become a subject of controversy/ is highly debatable/ is a hot issue/ is a contentious subject.

In conclusion/on balance/ All points considered/ Taking everything into account/consideration/ I firmly believe/ I
am convinced that/ I am inclined to believe that the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages.

Some/most people argue that.../ supporters of the issue claim that.../ on the one hand/ some people believe that.../ one argument in favor of this issue is that .../ viewing one side of the coin.

C. Now, read these ideas about argumentative essays and check  the do's.



1. Use passionate and convincing language.	
2. Assume that the audience will agree with you about any aspect of your argument.	
3. Use strong personal expressions like "Mr. Spencer ignores the topic"	
4. Illustrate a well-rounded understanding of the topic under discussion.	
5. Back up your statements with facts, statistic, examples and informed opinions of experts who agree with you.	
6. Use qualifiers like 'I think, I believe, I guess', to raise the level of trust the reader has in your opinion.	
7. Address the opposing side's argument and refute their claims.	
8. Take a stand and don't confuse your readers.	
9. Claim you are an expert, for the sake of convince people.	
10. Do not introduce new points while making your conclusion.	
11. Carefully proofread.	
12. Use contractions/ jargon.	