

Argumentative Essay Format

Introduction

- Hook
- Background
- Bridge to Claim
- Claim
- Can be more than one paragraph
- Should catch the reader's attention
- Should introduce the main focus of your essay through your claim
- Avoid yes/no and vague questions to the reader

Body

- Definition of Terms
- Reasons with Evidence
- Counterclaims with Rebuttals
- Requires several paragraphs
- Should logically organize:
 - main points
 - arguments
 - relevant evidence
 - counterclaims
 - rebuttals

Conclusion

- Restate Claim
- Connection to Hook
- What Do You Want the Reader to Gain from Your Argument?
- Can be more than one paragraph
- Should end with a connection back to your introduction
- Ending:
 - statistic/quotation OR
 - revisit your question OR
 - challenge the reader