

Argumentative Essay Format 1

Paragraph 1: Engaging introduction, claim and two reasons (points of discussion)

Paragraph 2: cite evidence, two examples, and commentary/explanations for reason 1

Paragraph 3: cite evidence, two examples, and commentary/explanations for reason 2

Paragraph 4: address counterclaim, refutation, explanation/commentary, evidence and examples

Paragraph 5: Conclusion

Use **CHORES** (Current events, history, observation, reading, experiences, and science) for evidence.

Argumentative Essay Format 2

Paragraph 1: Engaging introduction, claim and three reasons (points of discussion)

Paragraph 2: cite evidence, two examples, and commentary/explanations for reason 1

Paragraph 3: cite evidence, two examples, and commentary/explanations for reason 2

Paragraph 4: cite evidence, two examples, and commentary/explanations for reason 3

Paragraph 5: address counterclaim, refutation, explanation/commentary, evidence and examples

Paragraph 6: Conclusion

Useful Transitional words and phrases

Providing examples: for example, for instance, for illustration, to illustrate, in (name of source), according to...(author, title, source, study, survey...), take the case of, to demonstrate this point...

Adding information: additionally, furthermore, moreover, in addition to,...

Comparing and contrasting: in comparison, **comparatively**, in contrast, on the contrary, **conversely**, on the other hand, however, similarly, in the same way, **alternatively**...

Clarifying ideas: in other words, to explain, to put it in another way, ...

Cause and effect: **consequently**, as a result, accordingly, subsequently

Conclusion: in conclusion, in summary, to conclude, in brief...

Emphasizing: above all, particularly, notably, significantly, **undeniably**, unquestionably ...

Use strong, accurate verbs

The author (name of person...) argues, **asserts**, compares, contests, contrasts, delineates, differentiates, discusses, extrapolates, illuminates, justifies, juxtaposes, **rationalizes**, purports, **reiterates**, specifies, sympathizes ...