

ARGUMENTATIVE RESEARCH PAPER
ESSAY OUTLINE

1ST PARAGRAPH - INTRODUCTION

- Introduction sentence/hook: _____

- Explanation of topic/background information that leads into thesis statement:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

- Thesis Statement: _____

2nd PARAGRAPH - REASON #1: _____

- Sentence that introduces your *first* reason: _____

- Evidence that supports your reason: _____

- Analysis of evidence/quote (*Why is this important? What does this evidence suggest? What does it say—in your own words—about your topic?*): _____

- Closing sentence that relates back to your thesis statement: _____

3rd PARAGRAPH – REASON #2: _____

- Sentence that introduces your *second* reason: _____

- Evidence that supports your reason: _____

- Analysis of evidence/quote (*Why is this important? What does this evidence suggest? What does it say—in your own words—about your topic?*): _____

- Closing sentence that relates back to your thesis statement: _____

4th PARAGRAPH – REASON #3: _____

- Sentence that introduces your *third* reason: _____

- Evidence that supports your reason: _____

- Analysis of evidence/quote (*Why is this important? What does this evidence suggest? What does it say—in your own words—about your topic?*): _____

- Closing sentence that relates back to your thesis statement: _____

5th PARAGRAPH – COUNTERCLAIM AND REFUTATION

- State possible objections (*counterclaim*) to your argument:

- _____
- _____
- _____

- Refutation/possible responses: _____

- Statement that concludes the paragraph, refutes the counterclaim and relates back to thesis statement: _____

6th PARAGRAPH – CONCLUSION

- Paraphrase thesis (*do not restate word for word – try breaking your thesis statement into multiple sentences*): _____

- Concluding sentence that is memorable, powerful, and leaves the reader with a sense of closure:
