

ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY STRUCTURE

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An argumentative essay tries to persuade the reader. It has a clear thesis - opinion - and often three arguments supporting it.

A good argumentative essay also always includes a strong counter-argument.

In the conclusion, you repeat your thesis and urge the reader to take action.

Damn it all!

- 1. INTRODUCTION & THESIS**
- 2. ARGUMENT 1**
- 3. ARGUMENT 2**
- 4. COUNTER-ARGUMENT**
- 5. ARGUMENT 3**
- 6. CONCLUSION**

CHOOSING YOUR THESIS & ARGUMENTS



THESIS

The thesis is your opinion - the position that you are arguing for. It should be clear and easy to understand.

ARGUMENTS

Choose three arguments supporting your thesis.
Support at least one argument with a credible source.

COUNTER-ARGUMENT

Always use the strongest counter-argument you can think of. That way, you show the reader that you have thought long and hard about the topic and still maintain your belief.

HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR ARGUMENTS

You can organize your essay in five or six paragraphs:

1. Introduction & thesis
2. Strong argument
3. Weakest argument “hidden” in the middle
4. Counter-argument, that you refute
5. Strongest argument ends the essay strong
6. Conclusion: repeat your thesis & call to action

OR

1. Introduction & thesis
2. Strong argument
3. Weakest argument “hidden” in the middle
4. Counter-argument that you crush with your strongest argument
5. Conclusion: repeat your thesis & call to action



PLANNING YOUR THESIS & ARGUMENTS



THESIS:

ARGUMENT 1:

ARGUMENT 2 (weakest):

COUNTER-ARGUMENT:

ARGUMENT 3 (strongest):

USEFUL PHRASES & LINKING WORDS

Presenting your arguments

- Firstly, secondly, thirdly...
- Consequently, moreover, finally...

Citing your sources

- “In a survey by Save the Children (2024), they show that...”
- “According to statistics from the ILO (2023), Nigeria has an unemployment rate of...”
- “In a research paper in Nature (2020), four climate scientists present...”

Introducing the counter-argument

- According to...
- XYZ have argued that...

Conclusion

- Finally...
- As a result of these facts...
- As has been shown above...