

ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY: CHOOSING YOUR THESIS AND ARGUMENTS



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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):