

Persuasive Essay Outline

Prompt:

1st Paragraph: Opening Paragraph (4-5 sentences)

- Describe the topic you are discussing, explain what it is.
- Create a thesis statement, what is your opinion on this topic?
- Explain that you will use at least three points to support this opinion. Your points may be emotional, but be aware that your argument is stronger if you use facts to support it.

2nd Paragraph: Body Paragraph I (4-5 sentences)

- Explain what your first point about your opinion is.
- Use evidence to support this point. Make sure any facts you use are cited in MLA format.
- Go into detail about your first point, why do you think it's true? This sentence should have different word choice than your first sentence of this paragraph. Do not repeat the same sentence. (Hint: use thesaurus.com if you can't think of other word choices)

3rd Paragraph: Body Paragraph II (4-5 sentences)

- Explain your second point about your opinion.
- Use a different piece of evidence to support this point. Do not repeat the same evidence you already used. Make sure you cite facts in MLA format.
- Go into detail about your second point, why do you think it's true? This sentence should have different word choice than your first sentence of this paragraph. Do not repeat the same sentence.

4th Paragraph: Body Paragraph III (4-5 sentences)

- Explain your third point about your opinion.
- Use a different piece of evidence to support this point. Do not repeat the same evidence you already used. Make sure you cite facts in MLA format.

- Go into detail about your third point, why do you think it's true? This sentence should have different word choice than your first sentence of this paragraph. Do not repeat the same sentence.

5th Paragraph: Conclusion paragraph (4-5 sentences) *If you're writing 6-7 paragraphs; address counterclaims, add further evidence, or further explain a complicated perspective before your conclusion.*

- Restate your opinion on this topic, this sentence should have different word choice than the sentence in your 1st paragraph. Do not repeat the same sentence.
- Explain why your side of the opinion is stronger than the opposite opinion. This should reference your 3 points but in a shorter way, about 1 or 2 sentences.
- Think of an attention-grabbing sentence to end your essay that also has something to do with why your opinion is the better choice.