

Persuasive/ Argumentative Essay Template

What is the topic of my persuasive essay? What was the teacher/ professor's prompt?

What do I already know about this topic? *Social opinions? History? My opinions? My teacher's opinions?*

What is my argument/ what statement am I trying to persuade others of?

What facts have I read or learned about in this class that can help support my argument?

Where am I going to find the different facts that I need to support my argument?

Books? Websites? Academic journals? Ebscohost? Google Scholar? Write the full citation of the source for at least three different supporting facts

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What is my first supporting fact?

How do I feel about this fact? *Personal experience with it? Learned something interesting about it?*

How does the author feel about it? *Positively (for it) Negatively (against it)?*

Quote sources and explain how it supports your argument

What might someone say to counter this point? How would you counter that?

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What is my second supporting fact? <i>How does it tie into my first?</i>
How do I feel about this fact? <i>Personal experience with it? Learned something interesting about it?</i>
How does the author feel about it? <i>Positively (for it) Negatively (against it)?</i>
Quote sources and explain how it supports your argument
What might someone say to counter this point? How would you counter that?

What is my third supporting fact? <i>How does it tie into my first?</i>
How do I feel about this fact? <i>Personal experience with it? Learned something interesting about it?</i>
How does the author feel about it? <i>Positively (for it) Negatively (against it)?</i>
What might someone say to counter this point? How would you counter that?

What was the first thing you talked about? How does it support your statement?
What was the second thing you talked about? How does it support your statement?
What was the third thing you talked about? How does it support your statement?
Now what?