**Sample Argumentative Essay Outlines**

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| *Outline I*  **Introduction/**[**Thesis-Claim**](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/ArgumentClaims.html)  [**Body Paragraph**](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Bodypgphs.html) **1**: Present your 1st point and supporting evidence.  **Body Paragraph 2**: Present your 2nd point and supporting evidence.  **Body Paragraph 3**: [Refute](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Refutationpgphs.html) your opposition's first point.  **Body Paragraph 4**: [Refute](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Refutationpgphs.html) your opposition's second point.  [**Conclusion/Restate Thesis**](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Conclusionpgphs.html) | *Outline II*  **Introduction/**[**Thesis-Claim**](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/ArgumentClaims.html)  [**Body Paragraph**](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Bodypgphs.html) **1**: [Refute](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Refutationpgphs.html) your opposition's first point.  **Body Paragraph 2**: [Refute](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Refutationpgphs.html) your opposition's second point.  **Body Paragraph 3**: Present your first point and supporting evidence.  **Body Paragraph 4**: Present your second point and supporting evidence.  [**Conclusion/Restate Thesis**](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Conclusionpgphs.html) | *Outline III*  **Introduction/**[**Thesis-Claim**](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/ArgumentClaims.html)  [**Body Paragraph**](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Bodypgphs.html) **1**: Present your first point and supporting evidence, which also [refutes](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Refutationpgphs.html) one of your opposition's claims.  **Body Paragraph 2**: Present your second point and supporting evidence, which also [refutes](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Refutationpgphs.html) a second opposition claim.  **Body Paragraph 3**: Present your third point and it's supporting evidence, which also [refutes](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Refutationpgphs.html) a third opposition claim.  [**Conclusion/Restate Thesis**](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Conclusionpgphs.html) |

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1. **Introduction**
   1. Hook or grabber sentence
   2. Background information and current outlook of the topic.
   3. Your thesis statement
2. **Present Your Argument** 
   1. Make your 1st claim or reason
      1. Evidence 1a
      2. Evidence 1b
      3. Evidence 1c
   2. Make your 2nd claim or reason
      1. Evidence 2a
      2. Evidence 2b
      3. Evidence 2c
   3. Make your 3rd claim or reason
      1. Evidence 3a
      2. Evidence 3b
      3. Evidence 3c
3. **Refute the Opposing Argument**
   1. Opposing view 1
      1. Refutation 1
   2. Opposing view 2
      1. Refutation 2
4. **Conclusion**
   1. Restate the importance of your issue, review the main points.
   2. Restate your thesis.
   3. Call to action. If you haven’t introduced any sort of solution in your essay, perhaps encourage others to become more aware of your topic.
   4. What does the future look like in relation to your topic?