## Writing an Argumentative Piece from a Text

What is the difference between persuasive and argumentative?

An argumentative essay is based on logic and reasons while a persuasive essay is based on emotions and personal opinions.

While both types of writing will include evidence to support a "side", argumentative writing depends on it.



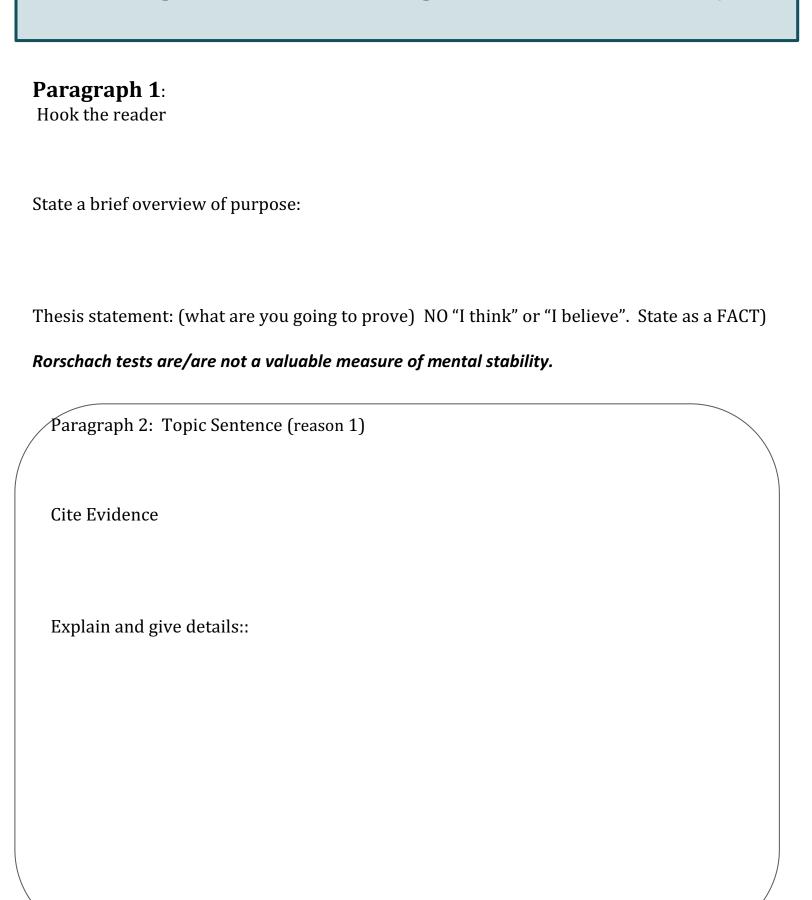
In persuasive writing, you can argue a side you feel strongly about.

With argumentative writing, you should defend the side with the most evidence.

## Vocabulary for Argumentative Essay

- Claim Statement that the writer is trying to prove true.
  - Synonyms Position, thesis, opinion
  - Example of a Claim Cell phone usage for teenagers should be limited
- Reason Statement that supports the claim; tells why or how
  - Example of a Reason Too much cell phone use affects a young person's mental health
- Evidence Facts; Proof from a credible (trusted) source
  - Three Types of Evidence
    - Statistical Evidence Numerical information
      - Example of Statistical Evidence 78% of teenagers check their mobile device hourly
    - Expert Evidence People considered experts in the topic give their personal interpretation of the information
      - Example of Expert Evidence Psychology professor Alex Smith said, "People who describe themselves as addicted to their cell phone or the Internet have high rates of depression and anxiety."
    - Fact or Examples Descriptions that give specific details to support the writer's claim
      - Example of a Fact- Cell phone addiction can be physically bad because of "text neck," which is neck pain caused by constantly looking down at the cell phone

## Paragraphs in an Argumentative Essay



Paragraph 3: Topic Sentence (reason 2)	
Cite Evidence	
Explain and give details::	
Add a third argument (paragraph) ij	f needed.
Conclusion: Restate Claim (different wording)	
Summarize reasons:	
Call to action:	

