

## **Argument Based Essay**

### **I. Introductory Paragraph**

Your introduction should be approximately 5-9 sentences

Your introduction sets the groundwork for your entire essay. This must be thoughtful and should give the reader a clear understanding about your position on the issues presented.

Begin with a general statement related to the topic.

Provide a little background information on the issues. (This should be brief; 1-2 sentences)

Provide some insight on your position as you work towards a thesis.

Your thesis should be the final sentence of your introduction. This sentence must clearly state your position.

## II. Body Paragraph I - Argument

This body paragraph should focus on the reasons that support your position.

Consider three clear reasons that show your position is right. Use a quote, data, and/or other details that support your thinking.

<u>Rationale</u>	<u>Quote/Data</u>
1.	
2.	
3.	

## **II. Body Paragraph II – Counter Argument & Responses to Them**

This body paragraph should focus on the position opposite yours and then why those opposite positions are wrong.

Begin by stating what the other position might state.

Next, state why those positions are wrong.

### **III Conclusion**

This is your final opportunity to really reach your reader.

Restate your thesis, but NOT in identical language to the words in your introduction.

Remind the reader why your position is right; you are welcome to include something that was not referenced in your body paragraphs