

**The Ultimate Guide on How to  
Organise a Bold Argumentative  
Essay  
*Report***

**ABSTRACT**

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## **Introduction**

The argumentative essay is a genre of writing that requires the student to investigate a topic; collect, generate, and evaluate evidence; and establish a position on the topic in a concise manner. Some confusion may occur between the argumentative essay and the expository essay. These two genres are similar, but the argumentative essay differs from the expository essay in the amount of pre-writing (invention) and research involved.

The argumentative essay is commonly assigned as a capstone or final project in first year writing or advanced composition courses and involves lengthy, detailed research. Expository essays involve less research and are shorter in length. Expository essays are often used for in-class writing exercises or tests, such as the GED or GRE.

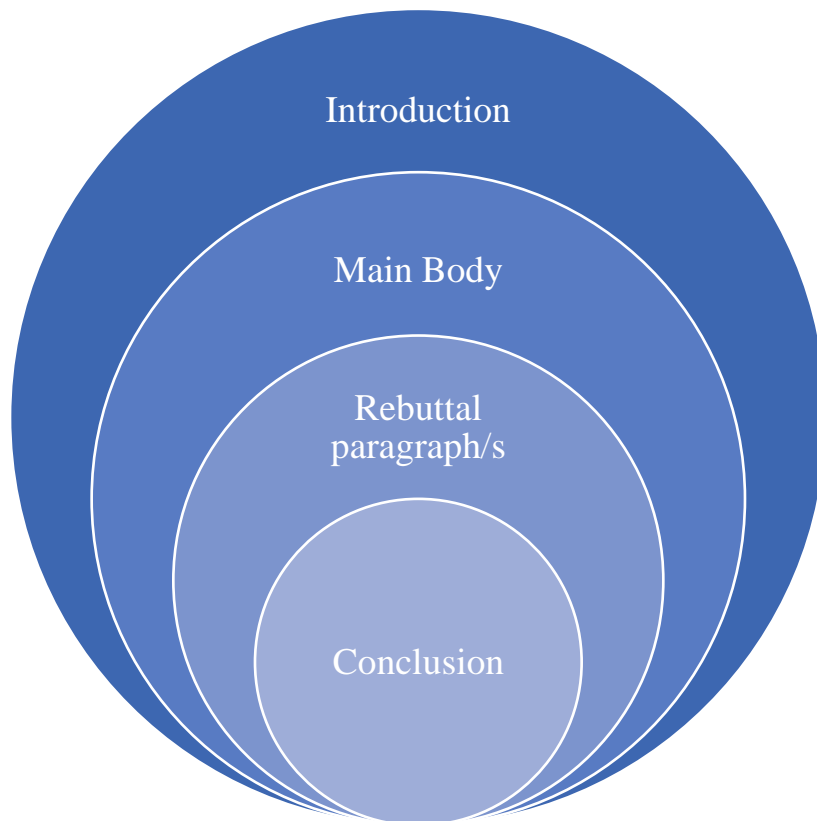
## **Can You Argue with Me in Writing?**

That's what I want my students to do. I want them to write a compelling argumentative essay that debates and challenges a point of view on a topic. And the secret to accomplishing that is knowing how to organise an argumentative essay. If you understand the parts and pieces that make up an outstanding argumentative essay, then you can write thorough, detailed, and persuasive content.

So, what's an argumentative essay? It's an essay where you take a stand on an issue and explain why your position is correct. It's important to create an argumentative essay that explains and proves your thesis. The key to doing this is by following a strong argumentative essay plan. There are other ways to organise your argumentative essay. But in this post, we'll look at an easy plan that covers all the major parts you need in your essay.

## 1.3 How to Organise an Argumentative Essay

The key pieces of this argumentative essay plan are:



### ***1.3.1 The Introduction to an Argumentative Essay***

Your introduction is how you show the reader your point of view about the issue. It also sets up the organisation of the rest of your essay. A solid introduction is a powerful way to start your essay. The elements of an argumentative essay introduction are:

**Hook:** This is a sentence that captures grabs your readers' attention. A hook makes them curious about the topic of your essay.

### ***1.3.2 Four hooks work great with argumentative essays:***

1. *Ask an interesting question*
2. *State a fact/statistic*

3. *Make a strong statement*
4. *Include a relevant and important quotation*

Each of these hooks should relate to the specific topic in your paper.

**Specific Information about the Issue:** The next few sentences of your introduction focus on explaining your topic. You include background information about the issue and why it's important.

Ask yourself why does this topic matter? Who does it concern? Write about that in these sentences leading up to your thesis statement.

**Thesis Statement:** The last sentence is your argumentative essay thesis statement. A thesis statement is your opinion about the main topic of your essay or paper.

An argumentative thesis statement begins with a debatable topic/issue. The thesis statement is your point of view about that issue and how you will prove it. This is the claim of your argumentative essay.

An example argumentative essay thesis statement is: *Assault rifles should be banned in the United States because these weapons can kill many people in a matter of seconds.*

Next, you write the body of your essay so that it supports this claim and overpowers arguments against it.

### ***1.3.3 The Body of an Argumentative Essay***

The body of an argumentative essay has 2 parts: Paragraphs that support your claim and 1 or 2 rebuttal paragraphs.

Supporting paragraphs and rebuttal paragraphs reflect the pros and cons of your claim about the issue.

### ***1.3.4 Body Paragraphs that Support Your Claim***

**Topic Sentence:** This sentence is a supporting idea related to your thesis statement. The main topic of the paragraph is the supporting idea.

**Supporting Details:** This is the substance of your paragraph. Supporting details are evidence that proves the supporting idea.

**Relationship to the thesis statement:** This is a concluding sentence that shows how the supporting idea ties back to your thesis statement. It will also connect or lead into the next

paragraph that supports your claim. Write a body paragraph for each of the ideas that support your claim.

### ***1.3.5 Rebuttal Paragraph in an Argumentative Essay***

A rebuttal paragraph is important because it shows you considered two sides of an issue. You thought about the other side of an issue, researched it, and found a way to argue against it.

This is a crucial part of your argumentative essay because it's where you overrule other peoples' objections.

The 3 parts of the rebuttal paragraph are:

1. **Counterargument**
2. **Refuting the counterargument**
3. **Concluding Sentence**

**Counterargument:** A counterargument is an objection to your claim. You develop this by thinking of all the things the people opposed to your perspective.

The thesis statement from above is: *Pinterest is the best social media platform for small online businesses to advertise their products and services because many people use Pinterest to make buying decisions.*

Your counterargument is a reason/s people would argue against that claim:

Ex. Facebook is the largest social media platform, and more people visit Facebook every day. Most people only visit Pinterest a few times a week.

**Refuting the counterargument:** Here, you explain and prove why these counterarguments are wrong.

## **Conclusion**

Your conclusion should show readers what you proved and why your thesis matters. These are the things you include in a conclusion to an argumentative essay: **Summary Sentences:** Here, you recap the main points of your claim, **Restate the thesis statement:** Use different words to restate your claim, and **Significance:** Here, you explain why the thesis you proved in your argumentative

essay matters. Consider how it affects other people, the field you study, or the world. Ask yourself, “What should the reader take away from my paper?” A solid plan for your argumentative essay will help you see the weaknesses and strengths in your argument before you start writing your essay. You can follow this same organisation when you write a longer argumentative paper. The difference is that you add more supporting and rebuttal paragraphs to a longer paper. Learn how to organise an argumentative essay, and you’ll find it easier to write and revise an argumentative paper too.

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