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Argumentative Essays

An argumentative essay is a piece of writing that takes a stance on an issue. In a good argumentative essay, a writer attempts to persuade readers to understand and support their point of view about a topic by stating their reasoning and providing evidence to back it up.

Argumentative essay writing is a common assignment for high school and college students. Generally, argumentative essay topics are related to science, technology, politics, and health ca

Argumentative essays should have a straightforward structure so they are easy for readers to follow. The goal of an argumentative essay is to clearly outline a point of view, reasoning, and evidence.

The elements of an argumentative essay
an argumentative essay contains five key elements:

- 1-an explanation of an issue.
- 2-a clear thesis statement
- 3-a summary of the opposing arguments
- 4-rebuttals to the opposing arguments
- 5-your own arguments

the students can organize the argumentative essay by block or point by point patterns as follows:

Block Pattern

I. Introduction
thesis statement

II. Block

- A. Summary of the other side's argument
- B. Rebuttal to the first argument
- C. Rebuttal to the second argument
- D. Rebuttal to the third argument

Block 2

- E. Your first argument
- F. Your second argument
- G. Your third argument

III. Conclusion

Point by Point Pattern

I. Introduction

Explanation of the issue including a summary of the other side's arguments

Thesis statement

II. Body

- A. statement of the other's side's first argument and rebuttal with

your own counterargument.

B. Statement of the other side's second argument and rebuttal with your own counterargument

C. Statement of the other side's third argument and rebuttal with your own counterargument.

III. Conclusion: it may include a summary of your point of view

the chosen pattern depends on the topic. For some topics, one pattern works more than the other.