

[Argumentative Paper]

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Title of Paper

Argumentative papers take a specific point of view on an issue and try to persuade the reader to agree. In the introduction, address the topic you will discuss. Explain your perspective on the issue through your thesis statement and list the main points you will discuss throughout the essay. Make your point is arguable. Personal tastes and facts cannot be argued. Convince someone of something using logic. Anticipate questions a reader might have: Why should I read this? Why should I change my mind? The number of paragraphs that follow will depend on how many points you decide to address in your paper. The recommended number of points to support your thesis is three.

Each of the next three paragraphs will focus on one main point used to support your perspective on the issue. Make sure your arguments have supporting evidence and aren't too general. You should do research beforehand so you can provide facts, statistics or quotes to support your thesis. Use hard evidence (facts) versus soft evidence, (opinions) even if they came from experts.

Include a paragraph explaining an opposing perspective. This is called inoculation. By embracing your opponents' best argument in order to poke holes

through it and show its weakness, you can develop a stronger position for your argument.

For the conclusion be sure to reread the first paragraph and try to summarize and strengthen your main points and thesis. Think about what you want your audience to do as a result of your argument. Be concise when wrapping up your argument.

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