

Writing plan for the argumentative essay

- The goal of this writing plan is to help you structure your essay and to make sure that it includes all the necessary ingredients. The plan is a visual guide that can help you organise your thoughts more clearly.
- Note that it is a good idea to plan the body of the essay first, then the conclusion and finally the introduction.
- After you have completed your writing plan, show it to other students in order to get some feedback.

Introduction

Topic:

Position (thesis statement):

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Arguments (a brief description of your three arguments):

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Body

Discourse marker (connecting word):

First argument:

Examples or quotations which prove your argument:

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Discourse marker (connecting word):

Second argument:

Examples or quotations which prove your argument:

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Discourse marker (connecting word):

Third argument:

Examples or quotations which prove your argument:

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Conclusion

Thesis statement:

Summary of your three arguments:

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Discourse markers

Discourse markers (connecting words) show the relationship between one word, phrase or sentence and the next. They are very useful for **linking** your ideas in an argument.

Chronological (words about the order of things)

After First Second Third
Then Following Next

Cause/effect (words about things which make other things happen)

Due to Consequently Thus
Therefore Hence So

Example (words to show what a thing is)

For instance One such
For example Another

Addition (words that add more information)

Another Also Similarly
Additionally Moreover

Opposition (words that flag up a conflict/problem)

But Conversely Yet
Nevertheless On the other hand
Though Nonetheless