# **Argumentative Essay Outline**

**I. INTRODUCTION**  
\*Attention Getter is IMPORTANT  
\*Next, explain the current situation. What is the world like “as is” in relation to your issue? Why is it important? What drew you to this topic?  
\*You can include comments and quotations from an informal survey you conducted with people you know, you can also explain how other people you know feel about the subject.  
\*Mention misconceptions related to your topic, if any.

**II.  NARRATION**  
**\***Next you need to provide background information.  
\*What are the details to your problem?  
\*What is the struggle? Why is it a unique and complicated issue?  
\*Include examples to illustrate the struggle or issue.

\*You can provide official statistics on the problem, current laws related to the topic, or the position the social majority has. This information should be coming from your research.  
\*Don’t forget to appeal to [ETHOS](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/ArgumentsBestFriends.html#ethos).

**III. PARTITION**  
\*Now you need to create a section that CLEARLY establishes your claim. Say to yourself, clear thesis = clear direction, clear thesis = clear direction, clear thesis = clear direction  
\*Explain the WHY of your [thesis](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/intropgph.html) in a simple way (i.e. it will solve \_\_\_\_ issue).

**IV. ARGUMENTS/ YOUR SIDE OF THE ISSUE**  
\*Introduce the first perspective you are willing to look at. Explain how your solution will help the situation.  
\*Explore one main side of the issue.  
\*Provide evidence for any mini claim you make.  
\*Unpack your evidence.  
\*Provide more evidence.  
\*Unpack your evidence some more.

Repeat Step IV as many times as necessary. Keep in mind the length requirements of the essay.

**V.**[**REFUTATION & CONCESSION**](https://www.mesacc.edu/~paoih30491/Refutationpgphs.html)  
\*Now you need to consider the other side of the issue or the opposing argument.  
\*As you introduce one refutation point, answer it.   
\* Provide evidence.  
\*Unpack your evidence.  
\*Provide more evidence.  
\*Unpack your evidence some more.

*Step IV & V can be reversed in order, depending on the flow of your paper. Also, your refutation & concession section might be more than one paragraph.*

**VI. CONCLUSION**  
\*Here is where you review the main points.  
\*Restate your thesis.  
\*Call to action. If you haven’t introduced any sort of solution in your essay, perhaps encourage others to become more aware of your topic.  
\*What does the future look like in relation to your topic?