# **Argumentative Essay Format**

1. ***The Introduction***

This is where the students explain why they chose their topic and what they aim to achieve. Write down how you ended up choosing this topic and elaborate on why it is important to discuss it. Start by explaining how your topic can benefit the reader. Also, mention the methods you used in gathering and analyzing your data.

1. ***Supporting Your Argument***

This is where you explain why you believe what you are defending your essay. This includes other elements, such as:

* Examples
* Statistics
* Direct Quotations
* Personal Take

Using this information, you must be able to prove, without a doubt – or at least with little doubt – that your argument has merit.

1. ***Expecting a Refutation***

Of course, an argumentative essay needs to have something to argue with. Although it may seem like you are contradicting yourself, you are actually pointing out what other sources are claiming against you and defending your points using your supporting section.

When writing a refutation, explain why your argument is being contradicted and how you propose to counter their thoughts and data. By the end of this, you must have done the same thing with the supporting section, but by using the opposing side’s cache of information.

1. ***The Conclusion***

This is where the student must round out all of the information they have discussed throughout the whole essay. In this section, they should have been able to prove that their views are right, or at least, leaning towards a more winning conclusion.

Make sure that you summarize your arguments and why it is being contested. Compose a conclusion that is both eloquent and factual. Your argumentative essay must have the final word, or else you may be contradicted during your defense – if there is a request for that from your professor.