Outline Format for an Argument Essay Option 1

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I. First Paragraph: Introduction
   A. Lead in: Grab the reader’s attention.
   B. Writer’s position—thesis statement: What side of the argument are you on. You must choose one side and stick to it.
   C. List supporting evidence: List the main reasons you believe your argument is correct.

II. Second Paragraph: First reason/point
   A. First supporting detail
   B. Second supporting detail
   C. Third supporting detail

III. Third Paragraph: Second reason/point
   A. First supporting detail
   B. Second supporting detail
   C. Third supporting detail

IV. Fourth Paragraph: Third reason/point
   A. First supporting detail
   B. Second supporting detail
   C. Third supporting detail

V. Fifth Paragraph: Reasons the other side is wrong: Predict how someone will argue against you. Why are you right and they’re not?
   A. First opposing argument
   B. Second opposing argument
   C. Third opposing argument

VI. Sixth Paragraph: Conclusion
   A. Restate your thesis
   B. Summarize opposition’s main points.
   C. Summarize your main points
   D. Provide closure, recommendations, predictions for the future, call to action, and final thoughts

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Outline Format for an Argument Essay Option 2

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I. First Paragraph: Introduction
   A. Lead in: Grab the reader’s attention.
   B. Writer’s position—thesis statement: What side of the argument are you on. You must choose one side and stick to it.
   C. List supporting evidence: List the main reasons you believe your argument is correct.

II. Second Paragraph: Reasons the other side is wrong: Predict how someone will argue against you. Why are you right and they’re not?
   A. First opposing argument
   B. Second opposing argument
   C. Third opposing argument

III. Third Paragraph: First reason/point
   A. First supporting detail
   B. Second supporting detail
   C. Third supporting detail

IV. Fourth Paragraph: Second reason/point
   A. First supporting detail
   B. Second supporting detail
   C. Third supporting detail

V. Fifth Paragraph: Third reason/point
   A. First supporting detail
   B. Second supporting detail
   C. Third supporting detail

VI. Sixth Paragraph: Conclusion
   A. Restate your thesis
   B. Summarize opposition’s main points.
   C. Summarize your main points
   D. Provide closure, recommendations, predictions for the future, call to action, and final thoughts

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Outline Format for an Argument Essay Option 3

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I. First Paragraph: Introduction
   A. Lead in: Grab the reader’s attention.
   B. Writer’s position—thesis statement: What side of the argument are you on. You must choose one side and stick to it.
   C. List supporting evidence: List the main reasons you believe your argument is correct.

II. Second Paragraph: First opposing argument and your rebuttal with first reason/point
   A. First supporting detail
   B. Second supporting detail
   C. Third supporting detail

III. Third Paragraph: Second opposing argument and your rebuttal with second reason/point
   A. First supporting detail
   B. Second supporting detail
   C. Third supporting detail

IV. Fourth Paragraph: Third opposing argument and your rebuttal with third reason/point
   A. First supporting detail
   B. Second supporting detail
   C. Third supporting detail

VI. Sixth Paragraph: Conclusion
   A. Restate your thesis
   B. Summarize opposition’s main points.
   C. Summarize your main points
   D. Provide closure, recommendations, predictions for the future, call to action, and final thoughts

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