



★ ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING PLANNER

Plan your argument. Write with purpose. Convince your reader!



1 TOPIC

What is your argument about?



2 CLAIM (YOUR POSITION)

What is your opinion or main point?



3 EVIDENCE (REASONS & SUPPORT)

List your reasons and the evidence that supports your claim.



1 Reason #1:

Evidence: _____

2 Reason #2:

Evidence: _____

3 Reason #3:

Evidence: _____

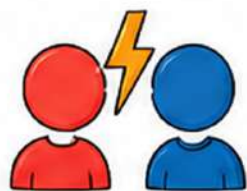
4 REASONING (EXPLAIN THE CONNECTION)

Explain how your evidence supports your claim.



5 COUNTERARGUMENT

What might someone who disagrees with you say?



YOUR RESPONSE

How would you respond to that counterargument?



6 CONCLUSION

Restate your claim and why it matters.



7 WRITING OUTLINE

Use your plan above to write your argumentative essay.



Introduction (Hook + Background + Claim):

Body Paragraph 1 (Reason #1 + Evidence + Reasoning):

Body Paragraph 2 (Reason #2 + Evidence + Reasoning):

Body Paragraph 3 (Reason #3 + Evidence + Reasoning):

Counterargument:

Your Response:

Conclusion (Restate Claim + Why It Matters):



TIP: Use facts, examples, and details from reliable sources.



Name: _____

Date: _____

Build a Strong Claim

State your position clearly and confidently.

1

Choose your topic.

My topic is: _____

2

What is your position?

I agree

I disagree

I think

I believe

3

Turn your opinion into a claim.

Sentence frame:

I believe _____ because _____.

4

Make your claim stronger.

☐ specific

☐ clear

☐ debatable

☐ focused

5

Write your final claim.

A strong argument starts with a clear claim!

3

Name: _____

Date: _____

Evidence Collector

Find facts, examples, and details that support your claim.

1

Write your claim.

2

Collect three strong pieces of evidence.

1 Evidence / example:

Source: _____

Reliable? ☐

2 Evidence / example:

Source: _____

Reliable? ☐

3 Evidence / example:

Source: _____

Reliable? ☐

3

Which evidence is strongest? Why?

Strong evidence makes your claim believable!

4

Name: _____

Date: _____

Explain Your Reasoning

Connect each piece of evidence back to your claim.

1

Claim

2

Evidence + Reasoning

Evidence 1

Evidence: _____

This supports my claim because...

Evidence 2

Evidence: _____

This matters because...

Evidence 3

Evidence: _____

This shows that...

3

Use linking words.

because

therefore

this shows

as a result

for this reason

Reasoning explains WHY your evidence matters!

5

Name: _____

Date: _____

Counterargument & Rebuttal

Respect the other side, then respond with evidence.

1

What might someone on the other side say?

2

Why might they think that?

3

Write your rebuttal.

Response frames:

Some people may think _____, but _____.

Although _____, the evidence shows _____.

4

Check your tone.

☐

respectful

☐

focused on ideas

☐

supported by evidence

☐

not insulting

Strong writers address the other side fairly!

Name: _____

Date: _____

Argument Writing Transitions

Use transition words to connect your ideas smoothly.

Introduce Evidence

for example

according to

the text states

one example is

Explain Reasoning

because

this shows

therefore

as a result

Add Ideas

also

in addition

another reason

furthermore

Counterargument

some may argue

although

on the other hand

however

Conclusion

in conclusion

overall

for these reasons

clearly



Name: _____

Date: _____

Full Argument Outline

Plan each part before you begin drafting.

INTRODUCTION

Hook • Background • Claim

BODY PARAGRAPH 1

Reason 1 • Evidence • Reasoning

BODY PARAGRAPH 2

Reason 2 • Evidence • Reasoning

BODY PARAGRAPH 3

Reason 3 • Evidence • Reasoning

COUNTERARGUMENT

Other side • Rebuttal

CONCLUSION

Restate claim • Why it matters

Plan first. Draft with confidence!

Revise & Edit Your Argument

Make your writing clear, convincing, and polished.

1

Argument Checklist

☐

My claim is clear.

☐

I included strong evidence.

☐

I explained my reasoning.

☐

I included a counterargument.

☐

I wrote a respectful rebuttal.

☐

My conclusion is strong.

☐

I used transitions.

☐

I checked spelling and punctuation.

2

Strengthen one weak part.

The part I will improve is: _____

I will improve it by: _____

3

Peer or parent feedback.

One strength: _____

One suggestion: _____

4

My next step is...

Revision makes good writing stronger!

Name: _____

Date: _____

Review & Celebrate!

Show what you know about argumentative writing.

1

Match the term to its job.

Claim



states your position

Evidence



supports your claim

Reasoning



explains why evidence matters

Counterargument



shows the other side

2

Complete the response frames.

My claim is _____.

One piece of evidence is _____.

This supports my claim because _____.

Some may argue _____, but _____.

3

I can argue!

☐ state a claim

☐ use evidence

☐ explain reasoning

☐ address the other side

☐ write a conclusion

I am an ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING STAR!

Think • Write • Convince • Make an impact!