

Argumentative Essay Planning Template

<p>Claim: State your position in relation to the topic.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">_____ should/should not _____.</p> <p>(Examples: <i>Tablets should replace textbooks in schools. The drinking age should not be lowered.</i>)</p>
<p>Data/Evidence: Support your claim with a fact, statistic, or quote, and cite where that information came from.</p> <p>Warrant: Explain why or how the evidence/data supports your claim. Typically 2-3 sentences in length.</p>	<p>One reason to <u>(claim)</u>_____ is because <u>(warrant)</u>:</p> <p>For example, <u>(evidence)</u>:</p> <p><i>Another reason to <u>(claim)</u> is because <u>(warrant)</u>:</i></p> <p>For instance, <u>(evidence)</u>.</p>

<p>Counter-argument: State a logical counterclaim. Use language to show this is a conflicting viewpoint (i.e. although, even though, despite, however, in contrast)</p>	<p>In contrast, <u>(counterclaim and warrant)</u>:</p>
<p>Rebuttal: Present data and analysis to discredit or prove the counterclaim is weak. Typically 2-3 sentences in length.</p>	<p>However, <u>(evidence to dismiss counter-argument)</u>:</p>
<p>Conclusion: Restate your claim, summarize your arguments, call for action. Typically, this would be 5-7 sentences in length.</p>	<p>In conclusion, _____.</p> <p>We need to _____ because _____.</p>