

Graphic Organizer for the Argument Essay

Reason #1	Reason #2	Reason #3

1st paragraph – Introduction

Hook	Grab the reader's attention!!! Start with a great opening sentence to get the reader's attention—a quote, an outrageous, surprising, or shocking fact, a relevant statistic or rhetorical question.
Summarize Issue	Explain Topic / Build Background / Brief Summary of the Issue:
Thesis Statement	Thesis Statement: A clear, strong statement of your opinion on the issue

2nd Paragraph

1st Paragraph of the Body	(TS) Topic Sentence (1st Reason) w/transition
	(I) Introduce your Evidence
	(E) Evidence (remember to cite)
	(A) Analyze / Explain Evidence (How does the evidence you chose support your thesis?)
	(CS) Closing statement w/transition

3rd Paragraph

2nd Paragraph of the Body	(TS) Topic Sentence (2nd Reason) w/transition
	(I) Introduce your Evidence
	(E) Evidence (remember to cite)
	(A) Analyze / Explain Evidence (How does the evidence you chose support your thesis?)
	(CS) Closing statement w/transition

4th Paragraph

3rd Paragraph of the Body	(TS) Topic Sentence (3rd Reason) w/transition
	(I) Introduce your Evidence
	(E) Evidence (remember to cite)
	(A) Analyze / Explain Evidence (How does the evidence you chose support your thesis?)
	(CS) Closing statement w/transition

5th Paragraph

4th Paragraph in the Body	<p>Acknowledge the Other Side: Summarize the reasons for the other side of the argument. If you believe schools should eliminate sports, summarize the arguments of those who say school sports are important. If you think schools ought to keep sports programs as they are, summarize the reasons some say school sports are a problem. (Remember to transition from the previous paragraph to the next!!!)</p>
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6th Paragraph - Conclusion

Restate Thesis	Restate your thesis from paragraph one in a new and original way. (Make sure to include a transition.)
Main Points	Summarize the first 3 body paragraphs. Use 2-3 sentences to remind you readers of your main points.
Final Statement	Looking for an idea? Try referring to your hook, finding a quote, or inspiring your readers?