ARGUMENT ESSAY BASIC STRUCTURE

Introduction

- Consider the audience
- General statement about the topic
- · Identify the situation or issue
- Define key terms
- Establish parameters
- Take the lead; establish a position

Thesis; Assertion; What's your point?

Body Paragraph

- Topic Sentence that supports/defines the thesis
- Evidence (Data facts, Specific examples; Anecdotes; Details...)

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Concession & Rebuttal

- Concession (What's the opposition's best point with which you agree?)
- Rebuttal (How can you refute the opposition's best point? OR only under what conditions is the opposition's point valid?)

Conclusion

Restate Thesis; Assertion; What was your point?

- Restate your position
- Present a thematic statement (SO What? Why should your audience care?)
- If possible, connect your argument to an essential questions