

Name: _____

Issues Paper Outline

Introduction

1. What is the topic you are writing about?
2. What is your stand on this topic (are you for it or against it, or do you think something needs to be changed, such as a law)?

First Body Paragraph

1. Give one reason why you feel the way you do about your topic.
2. Give one piece of evidence to support your reason (a personal story, a fact or statistic, or a hypothetical “what if” situation)

Second Body Paragraph

1. Give a second reason why you feel the way you do about your topic.
2. Give one piece of evidence to support your second reason (a personal story, a fact or statistic, or a hypothetical “what if” situation)

Third Body Paragraph

1. Give a third reason why you feel the way you do about your topic.
2. Give one piece of evidence to support your third reason (a personal story, a fact or statistic, or a hypothetical “what if” situation)

Counterclaim

1. Give one good reason why someone might disagree with your main argument.
2. Tell me why you think that person would be wrong (give a *counterclaim* to their claim or point).

Conclusion

1. Sum up your main idea and your strongest arguments for it here: