

Persuasive Essay Outline

- I. Introduction
 - A. Get the readers attention by using a "hook."
 - B. Give some background information if necessary.
 - C. Thesis or focus statement.

- II. First body paragraph
 - A. Topic sentence explaining your viewpoint.
 1. First example to back your point.
 2. Second example to back your point.
 3. Third example to back your point.
 - B. Transition into next paragraph.

- III. Second body paragraph
 - A. Opposing viewpoint (so reader will know you have considered another point of view).
 1. First example to opposing viewpoint.
 2. Second example to opposing viewpoint.
 3. Third example to opposing viewpoint.
 - B. Transition into concluding paragraph.

- IV. Conclusion
 - A. Summary of main points or reasons.
 - B. Restate thesis statement.
 - C. Personal comment or a call to action.