

## THE ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

What is an argumentative essay?

**argumentative** (historically) opposed, controversial  
**essay** → a short or medium length or extended writing piece  
→ a statement or reinforcement of a position and against some  
position or proposal

There are different types of argumentative essays:

- Advantages and disadvantages
- Supporting opinion providing and defending it
- For and against
- Compare and contrast

### OUTLINE

<b>Introduction:</b>	Present the topic. Give background. State your thesis
<b>Body:</b>	Make 3-4 arguments that support your idea. Use examples. It is usually a good idea to address the opposing side for each argument
<b>Rebuttal:</b>	Give arguments that oppose your thesis and refute them. Give at least one example
<b>Conclusion:</b>	Conclude. Restate your thesis.