

- o Next, explain one or two of the opposing side's points to show how readers might object to your argument. Then, show how these arguments are not reasonable, not logical, or are ineffective. Be sure to explain your own viewpoint and why it is the best choice.

**Final Steps: Review and Edit**

- 1) Review that your reader can understand your argument. The reader should understand that all your arguments are strongly supported in appropriate language and by using a mix of evidence types: facts, statistics, examples, expert opinions, or even personal experience.
- 2) Do your research!
- 3) To increase the chances that your audience will agree with you, start each paragraph with ideas that both sides agree upon before arguing your case.
- 4) Show the other side's strongest arguments to defend against challenges from other readers or your audience.
- 5) To your audience, emphasize why your topic is important, summarize your arguments, and restate your position in the most credible choice. Do not include new evidence or arguments.

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