

<i>Graphic Organizer – Persuasive Essay</i>	
Introductory Paragraph	Introduce the issue or topic in a way that will capture the reader's attention (quote, anecdotal story, rhetorical question, etc):
	Thesis Statement (should contain your position on the issue & your arguments):
	Transition to body of essay:
1st Body Paragraph	<u>First Argument</u> (reason for your position)
	Evidence that supports your argument (detail)
	Evidence that supports your argument (detail)
	Transition into the next paragraph
2nd Body Paragraph	<u>Second Argument</u> (reason for your position)
	Evidence that supports your argument (detail)
	Evidence that supports your argument (detail)
	Transition into the next paragraph
3rd Body Paragraph	<u>Counterargument (What those who disagree say)</u>
	Their position
	Reasons for their position
	Evidence that supports their argument
	Why their evidence isn't persuasive
	Transition into the next paragraph
4th Body Paragraph	<u>Final – your most powerful argument</u> (reason for your position)
	Evidence that supports your argument (detail)
	Evidence that supports your argument (detail)
	Transition to your conclusion
Concluding Paragraph	Restatement of position
	Summary of reasons
	Clincher (possibly a call to action / rhetorical question)