



Formatting an Argumentative Essay:

STEP BY STEP WALKTHROUGH FOR FORMATTING A THESIS DRIVEN OR ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

Introduction:

- Grab the reader's attention.
- Introduce the issue or topic being discussed.
- Present your claim with your **THESIS STATEMENT**.



Background: (Optional Depending on the Topic)*

- Strong place to give supplementary information or disclaimers.
- Good place to lay the foundation of your argument.
- *This information may also be included in a more developed introduction.



COUNTERARGUMENT:

- Think of possible counterarguments that someone could make about your claim.
- Refute the counterargument made in order to solidify your initial claim.



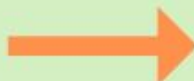
SUPPORTIVE EVIDENCE:

- Pull together information that backs up your claim.
- Organize your arguments in a way that supports your claim.
- Possible Sources: Text, personal cases, peer reviewed articles, etc.



CONCLUSION : (SUM UP)

- Develop a conclusion that sums up the claim and argument you made in the previous paragraphs.



"SO WHAT?" CONCLUSION:

- Explain the reason why your claim was worth making.
- Elaborate on the importance of your claim.