

Organizing your Persuasive Essay

Introduction:(1st Paragraph)

- Opening sentence that get's the reader's attention
- Statement of your stance on the proposition (thesis statement!)
- Short summary of your reasons for your opinion

2nd Paragraph:

- Your first contention, or reason, for supporting your opinion
- Facts, statistics that support your statement
- Possible counterarguments to your first contention
- Rebuttals to your first contention

3rd Paragraph:

- Your second contention, or reason, for supporting your opinion
- Facts and/or statistics that support your statement
- Possible counterarguments to your second contention
- Rebuttals to your first contention

4th Paragraph:

- Your third contention, or reason, for supporting your opinion
- Facts and/or statistics that support your statement
- Possible counterarguments to your third contention
- Rebuttals to your third contention

Conclusion (5th Paragraph):

- Restatement of your opinion
- Brief summary of your support for your opinion
- Restatement of any logical fallacies in opposing arguments of rebuttals
- Closing statements using any appropriate persuasive techniques