

Outline for Writing a Persuasive Essay

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

To begin the essay, write a sentence called a “hook” that gets the reader interested in your essay.

The *background information* gives *facts* about the issue or problem that the essay is about.

The “*Thesis statement*” gives a statement of *your opinion* in one sentence.

PART 2

BODY – The main part of the essay

FIRST PARAGRAPH

The *Topic Sentence* tells what the paragraph is about.

Write a sentence that gives a reason to *support* your opinion.

Write another sentence with a *different* piece of information from your research that supports your opinion.

Write another sentence that supports your opinion using a piece of information *from your own experience*.

The *Closing Sentence* restates the topic sentence in *different words*.

SECOND PARAGRAPH

The *Topic Sentence* tells what the paragraph is about.

Write a sentence that gives a reason to *support* your opinion.

Write another sentence with a *different* piece of information from your research that supports your opinion.

Write another sentence that supports your opinion using a piece of information *from your own experience*.

The *Closing Sentence* restates the topic sentence in *different words*.

THIRD PARAGRAPH

The *Topic Sentence* tells what the paragraph is about.

Write a sentence that gives a reason to *support* your opinion.

Write another sentence with a *different piece of information from your research* that supports your opinion.

Write another sentence that supports your opinion using a piece of *information from your own experience*.

The Closing Sentence restates the topic sentence in *different words*.

PART 3

CONCLUSION

Restate the thesis. – Restate your opinion in different words from the first statement of the thesis.

Write a *summary* of the *major ideas* or points. Include the most important points each paragraph in the body of the essay.

The final statement should be strong and convincing. Leave the reader with a clear idea of the issues and the reasons for your opinion. The final statement aims to convince the reader to adopt your opinion on the issue.
