# Argumentative Essay Outline

1. Introduction
   1. Hook – capture the reader’s attention
   2. Context/background – give general overview
   3. Why it is important
   4. Thesis statement
2. More Background (if needed)
   1. Start this paragraph with a transition
3. Subclaim 1 (1-2 paragraphs)
   1. Transition and Topic Sentence – main point #1
   2. Evidence
   3. Discuss your evidence and how it relates to your point
   4. How this evidence supports your thesis (warrant)
4. Subclaim 2 (1-2 paragraphs)
   1. Transition and Topic Sentence – main point #2
   2. Evidence
   3. Discuss your evidence and how it relates to your point
   4. How this evidence supports your thesis (warrant)
5. Subclaim 3 (1-2 paragraphs)
   1. Transition and Topic Sentence – main point #3
   2. Evidence
   3. Discuss your evidence and how it relates to your point
   4. How this evidence supports your thesis (warrant)
6. Add additional points (subclaims) as needed
7. Counterarguments
   1. Point of opposition
   2. Concession or Rebuttal
8. Conclusion
   1. Don’t introduce any new information
   2. Synthesize the information presented in the essay
   3. Restate why the topic is important and restate your call to action