Outlining your Argument Essay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Choose either the *Block Pattern* ***or*** *Point by Point Pattern* and use the format below to outline your own argument essay. Feel free to delete the other format. (If necessary, do some more research, but always remember to note down/document your sources.)

Note: The term ***argument*** is used both *generally and specifically*:

* *generally*, to refer to an overall logical constructed and coherent presentation of why your view or position makes most sense;
* *specifically,* to refer to the particular parts or separate (sub) points within the broader presentation; these are the specific reasons and bits of evidence that develop and support your overall persuasive presentation.

Below, *argument* is used *specifically*, to refer to the individual reasons you give to support your overall point of view/position.

**BLOCK PATTERN**

I.Introduction

Explanation of the issue:

Your Thesis Statement:

II.Body

Block One

1. Summary of your opponents’ arguments
2. Your rebuttal to their first argument
3. Your rebuttal to their second argument
4. Your rebuttal to their third argument

Block Two

1. Your first argument
2. Your second argument
3. Your third argument

III.Conclusion

**POINT BY POINT PATTERN**

I.Introduction

Explanation of the issue, including a summary of your opponents’ arguments:

Your Thesis Statement:

II. Body

1. Statement of your opponents’ first argument, your rebuttal

**and** your own counterargument

1. Statement of your opponents’ second argument, your rebuttal

**and** your own counterargument.

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III.Conclusion: Include a summary of your point of view