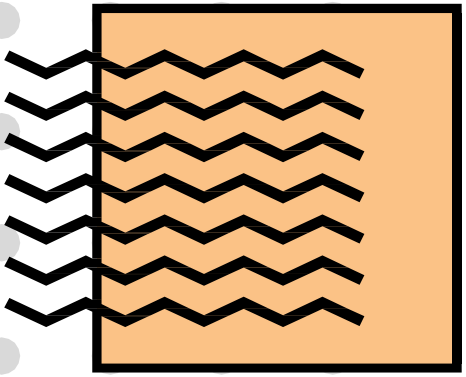


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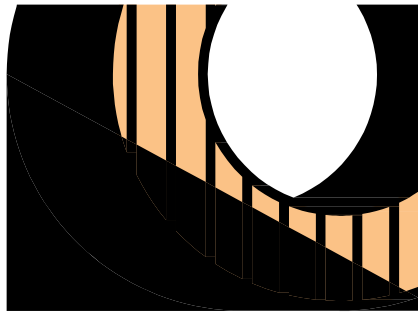
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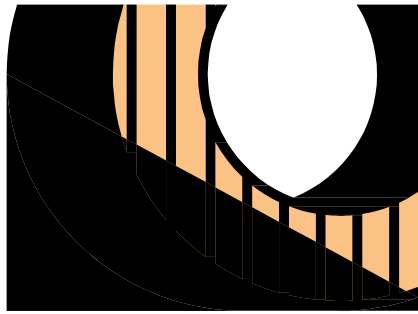
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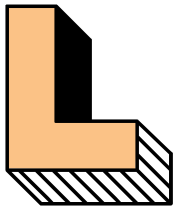
WHAT IS AN ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY?

The argumentative essay is a genre of writing that requires an individual to **investigate a topic**; collect, generate, and evaluate evidence; and **establish a position** on the topic in a concise manner.

ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY



- While writing an argumentative essay, an individual takes a stance **for or against** the topic at hand, just like speakers do at debates.
- The purpose of argumentation and persuasion is to **make the reader accept the writer's ideas.**
- The ideas or opinions presented **might not always align** with the reader's ideologies/opinions.



The Structure of an Argumentative Essay



Introduction
THESIS STATEMENT

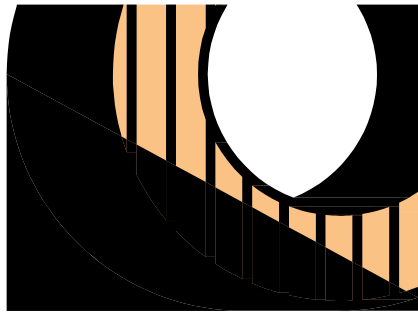
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Refutation

Conclusion



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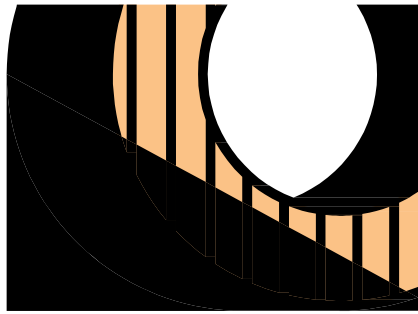
1. **Introductory Paragraph:** The first paragraph of your essay should outline the topic, provide background information necessary to understand your argument, outline the evidence you will present and states your thesis.
2. **Thesis Statement:** This is part of your first paragraph. It is a concise, one-sentence summary of your main point and claim.

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3. **Body Paragraphs:** A typical argumentative essay comprises **3 or more** paragraphs that **explain the reasons why you support your thesis.**

- Each body paragraph **should cover a different idea** or piece of evidence and**contain a topic sentence** that clearly and concisely explains why the reader should agree with your position. Body paragraphs are where you **back up your claims with examples**, research, statistics, etc.

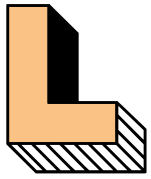
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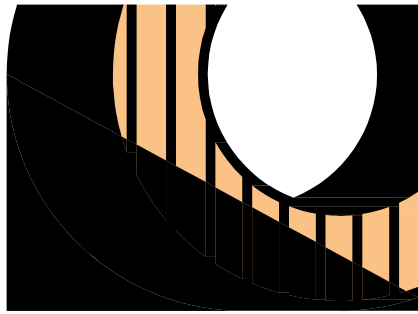
4. Refutation: It means to **address opposing points of view** and **disprove them** or explain why you disagree with them.

- This enables the readers to understand that the **writer has considered both sides of the argument** before choosing a conclusive side.

5.Conclusion: It **restates your thesis** and **summarizes all of the arguments** made in your body paragraphs.



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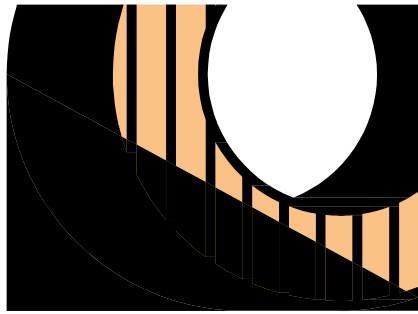
01

A clear, concise, and defined thesis statement that occurs in the first paragraph of the essay.

02

Clear and logical transitions between the introduction, body, and conclusion.

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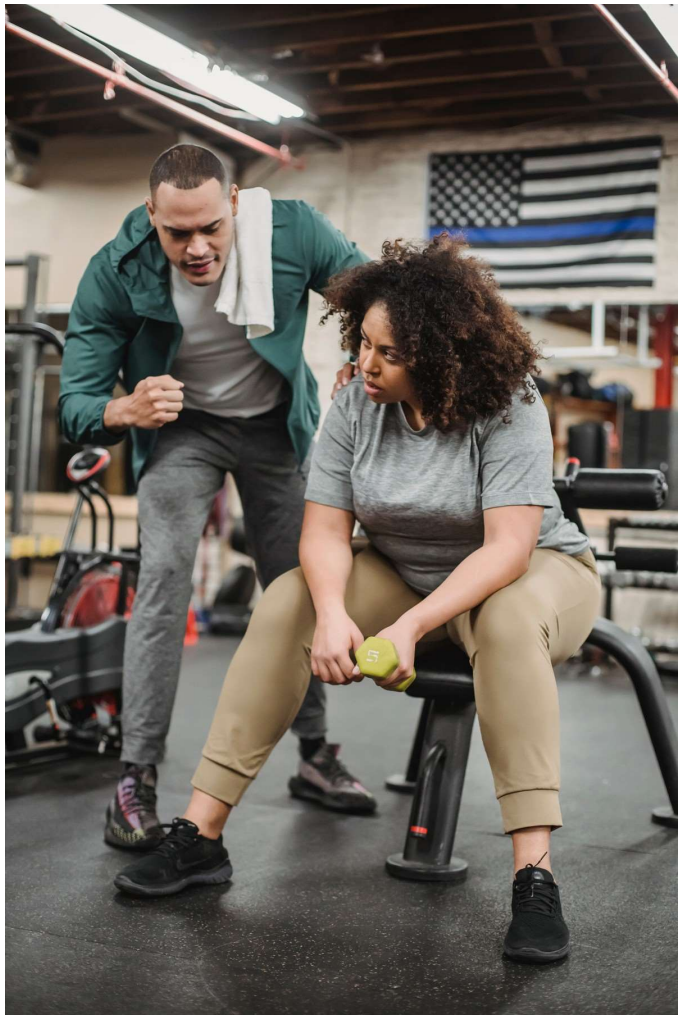


03

Body paragraphs that include evidential support (examples, facts, statistics, etc.) and a refutation of the opposing view point.

04

A conclusion that does not simply restate the thesis, but readdresses it in light of the evidence provided.



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- When you present arguments for persuading readers, you have to be **logical** and very **organized.**

- In order to do that, the use of **transitional words** is essential.

  Ex: However, although, furthermore, consequently, etc.

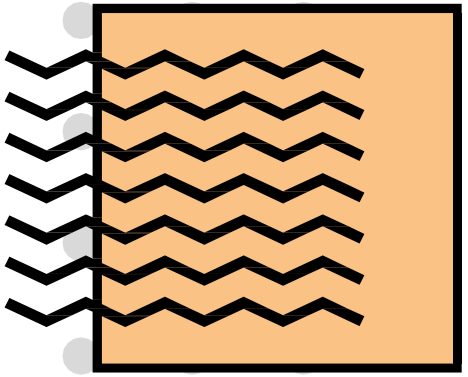
WORDS AND PHRASES RELATED TO ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING

I would	definitely	argue	that ….
	strongly		
I can	confidently	confirm	the statement.
I would	invariably	agree	with this argument.
Many	strongly		
	certainly		that...
	probably		
This is a	decidedly	weak	argument.
		unconvincing	
	particularly	convincing	
		persuasive	
	considerably	more reliable	argument than...
	much	more persuasive	
		more beneficial	
		better/stronger	
This is	theoretically	a possible	argument, but...

CLASS TASK

Q. NUCLEAR FAMILIES ARE HAPPY FAMILIES.

DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE?



THANK YOU