

# THE OUTSIDERS

## Final Argument Essay Outline

### I. Introduction

- a. Hook (*grab your audience's attention with something other than a question. You can use an anecdote, a quote, a universal thought or theme, or an observation*)
- b. Background information (*genre, title, author, brief summary of play, etc.*)
- c. Thesis

### II. Counter Argument

- a. Topic Sentence
- b. Concrete detail that supports the counter argument
- c. Supporting commentary that supports the counter argument
- d. Reason this is not true
- d. Explanation for why they are wrong
- e. Transition sentence

### III. Body Paragraph 2 (one reason why Johnny is either guilty/innocent)

- a. Topic Sentence
- b. Example/evidence supporting your topic sentence
- c. Explanation of example/evidence
- d. Example/evidence supporting your topic sentence
- e. Explanation of example/evidence
- h. Transition sentence

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NEEDS TO BE A QUOTE  
FROM THE TEXT

### IV. Body Paragraph 3 (second reason why Johnny is either guilty or innocent)

- a. Topic Sentence
- b. Example/evidence supporting your topic sentence
- c. Explanation of example/evidence
- d. Example/evidence supporting your topic sentence
- e. Explanation of example/evidence
- h. Transition sentence

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### V. Conclusion

- a. Restate the thesis
- b. Final thought (*this is your one last time to fight for your argument*)

# ARGUMENT WRITING: DEVELOPING A MEANINGFUL COUNTERARGUMENT

**Directions:** Finding and writing about the opposing viewpoints might be a difficult task when it comes to argument writing. However, in order to make your argument as strong as it can be, you need to address other viewpoints and then explain why those viewpoints are incorrect.

FIRST, THINK ABOUT WHAT SUPPORTERS FROM THE OTHER SIDE THINK.

When it comes to Bob's death, some people may think that Johnny Cade is (innocent/guilty).

because

THEN, LIST AS MANY REASONS YOU CAN THINK OF THAT SUPPORT THEIR ARGUMENT.

NOW IT'S TIME TO CRUSH THEIR ARGUMENT.

List reasons they believe this.

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However, this claim is invalid because Johnny Cade is really (guilty/innocent).

Think of a reason that supports your claim AND proves that other people are wrong.

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FINALLY, WRITE A GREAT TOPIC SENTENCE FOR YOUR COUNTERCLAIM PARAGRAPH.

Counterclaim Paragraph Topic Sentence

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## Essay Outline

Thesis Statement: Your thesis statement should be a blueprint for your essay. It should state **what your argument is about** and **what you are arguing**. The thesis should be just one sentence.

You are writing an essay about whether or not Johnny Cade is guilty for Bob's death. **This is what your argument is about**. The reasons supporting your argument is **what you are arguing**.

### ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY THESIS EQUATIONS

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = thesis  
What your argument is about      What you are arguing

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = thesis  
What you are arguing      What your argument is about

#### Basic Thesis Example:

Even though some people may \_\_\_\_\_,  
Johnny Cade is ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes  
to Bob's death because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

#### My Thesis Statement:

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