

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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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
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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.

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

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

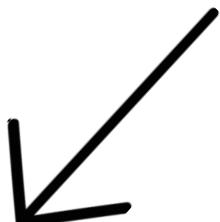
THEN, LIST AS MANY REASONS
YOU CAN THINK OF THAT
SUPPORT THEIR ARGUMENT.

because

List reasons they believe this.



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



NOW IT'S TIME TO CRUSH THEIR
ARGUMENT.

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.

Counterclaim Paragraph Topic Sentence

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Explain: _____ _____ _____ 2. _____ _____ _____	Explain: _____ _____ _____ 2. _____ _____ _____
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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

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

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Basic Thesis Example:

Even though some people may _____,

Johnny Cade is ultimately _____ when it comes to Bob's death because _____.

My Thesis Statement:
