

Persuasive Research Paper Outline

Using ***S+D+3R = Thesis*** Method

Title (SUBJECT)

- I. Introductory paragraph (introduces the topic)
 - A. Attention-getter
 - B. Background information
 - C. Thesis statement

- II. First body paragraphs (explore the first REASON)
 - A. Specific Example 1
 - 1. Topic sentence for REASON 1
 - 2. Topic sentence
 - 3. Supporting ideas (with parenthetical citations)
 - 4. Transition sentence
 - B. Specific Example 2
 - 1. Topic sentence
 - 2. Supporting ideas (with parenthetical citations)
 - 3. Transition sentence
 - C. Specific Example 3
 - 1. Topic sentence
 - 2. Supporting ideas (with parenthetical citations)
 - 3. Closing / transition sentence

- III. Second body paragraphs (explore the second REASON)
 - A. Specific Example 1
 - 1. Topic sentence for REASON 2
 - 2. Topic sentence
 - 3. Supporting ideas (with parenthetical citations)
 - 4. Transition sentence
 - B. Specific Example 2
 - 1. Topic sentence
 - 2. Supporting ideas (with parenthetical citations)
 - 3. Transition sentence
 - C. Specific Example 3
 - 1. Topic sentence
 - 2. Supporting ideas (with parenthetical citations)
 - 3. Closing / transition sentence

- IV. Third body paragraphs (explore the third REASON)
 - A. Specific Example 1
 - 1. Topic sentence for REASON 3
 - 2. Topic sentence
 - 3. Supporting ideas (with parenthetical citations)
 - 4. Transition sentence
 - B. Specific Example 2
 - 1. Topic sentence
 - 2. Supporting ideas (with parenthetical citations)
 - 3. Transition sentence
 - C. Specific Example 3
 - 1. Topic sentence
 - 2. Supporting ideas (with parenthetical citations)
 - 3. Closing sentence

- V. Concluding paragraph (summarizes the topic and draws a conclusion)
 - A. Topic sentence
 - B. Re-state Thesis
 - C. Summary sentences - Push toward DIRECTION—what should the reader have learned?
 - D. Closing Sentence / Call to action—what should the reader do now that they've read your paper?

**** Each new REASON and SPECIFIC EXAMPLE gets its own paragraph!**

****Make your outline as detailed as possible!**

****SENTENCE OUTLINE = detailed**

****TOPIC OUTLINE = vague**

****Please type your outline**

****Remember to always write toward your DIRECTION!!!!**

****Don't forget to add parenthetical citations!**