

## Template

### I. Introduction

- Hook: [A specific statistic, a real-world scenario, or a pointed question]
- Context: [3–4 sentences of background , what the issue is, where it comes from, and why it matters now]
- Thesis: [Your specific, arguable claim , not "there are pros and cons" but a clear position]

### II. Body Paragraph 1 , First Supporting Argument

- Topic sentence + claim
- Evidence (primary or secondary source with citation)
- Analysis , connect evidence to thesis
- Transition

### III. Body Paragraph 2 , Second Supporting Argument

- Topic sentence + claim
- Evidence with citation
- Analysis
- Transition

### IV. Body Paragraph 3 , Third Supporting Argument

- Topic sentence + claim
- Evidence with citation
- Analysis
- Transition

### V. Body Paragraph 4 , Counterargument

- Present the opposing position accurately and fairly
- Concede any valid aspects of the opposing view
- Rebuttal with evidence
- Explain why the counterargument does not overturn your thesis

### VI. Conclusion

- Restate thesis (avoid starting with "In conclusion")

- Synthesize , don't just summarize; explain what your argument, taken together, means
- Broader implication or call to action

