*Argumentive Essay*

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|  | A topic sentence that introduces an opposing viewpoint |
|  | Detailed evidence/explanation for the opposing viewpoint. |
|  | Further explanation as to why your side is better. |

***Prove your position!***

***Counterargument***

*Use carefully chosen evidence to say something unique about your thesis.*

***Provide insight!***

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|  | A topic sentence that clearly states the writer’s point. |
|  | Detailed evidence that has been fully authorized. |
|  | Explain how the evidence proves the thesis statement. |

***Body Paragraphs***

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|  | A brief introduction that hooks your reader. |
|  | A statement that introduces your main points discussed in the body paragraphs. |
|  | A clearly stated and reasonable claim that can be argued. |

***Extras***

*If you can argue both sides well, you’re more likely to prove why your position is stronger.*

***Stay focused!***

*Your introductory paragraph is the most important one in the entire essay. Make sure you are clear and interesting!*

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|  | Does the essay have a clear beginning, middle, and end? |
|  | Does the essay include a thoughtful conclusion? |
|  | Did the writer attempt various sentence structures? |
|  | Did the writer use any dead words? |
|  | Are there any grammatical errors? Look for capitalization, run-on sentences, misspelled words, or misplaced commas. |
|  | Did the writer use transitional words and phrases? |
|  | Did the writer use vocabulary specific to the topic? |
|  | Did the writer ever use personal pronouns (I, we, our, us)? |
|  | Did the writer include a counterargument? |

***Introduction***