

## Writing an Argumentative Essay

Argumentative essays are a special type of paper you can write. They share a claim, an opinion you believe and use details to persuade readers about that claim. The goal of an argumentative essay is to be convincing.

Good organization makes a strong argumentative essay. Clear paragraphs make it easier to explain and support your claim. Using a good essay structure helps you convince readers about your ideas.

Your claim organizes your entire essay. The first paragraph introduces the claim. It also introduces the key details that support your claim. It may look like:

*First sentence states the claim. Second sentence is Key Supporting Detail 1. Third sentence is Key Supporting Detail 2. Fourth sentence is Key Supporting Detail 3. Conclusion sentence summarizes the claim again.*

The key supporting detail sentences become topic sentences for the next paragraphs. These next paragraphs also have more details and some researched facts that support the overall claim. They may look like:

*Topic sentence about Key Supporting Detail 1. Extra details. Extra explanation. Conclusion sentence about Key Supporting Detail 1.*

*Topic sentence about Key Supporting Detail 2. Extra details. Extra explanation. Conclusion sentence about Key Supporting Detail 2.*

*Topic sentence about Key Supporting Detail 3. Extra details. Extra explanation. Conclusion sentence about Key Supporting Detail 3.*

The final paragraph restates the claim and summarizes the argument. It focuses on the key supporting details, and it may look similar to the first paragraph. Like:

*First sentence summarizes the claim. Next sentence summarizes Key Supporting Detail 1 and Key Supporting Detail 2. Next sentence summarizes Key Supporting Detail 3. Conclusion sentence summarizes the claim again in a new way.*