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Argument Essay Outline

1. Introduction

- **Hook:** Start with an attention-grabbing statement to engage the reader. This could be a provocative question, a surprising fact, or a relevant quote.
- **Background Information:** Provide context about the topic, including any relevant background that helps the reader understand the issue.
- **Thesis Statement:** Clearly state your position on the topic. Your thesis should reflect your main argument and set the direction for the essay.

2. Body Paragraph 1: First Supporting Argument

- **Topic Sentence:** Introduce your first supporting argument that backs up your thesis.
- **Evidence:** Provide evidence, such as facts, statistics, or examples, to support your argument.
- **Explanation:** Analyze the evidence and explain how it supports your argument.
- **Counterargument:** Briefly acknowledge a counterargument or opposing view, then refute it with evidence or reasoning.
- **Transition:** Lead into the next supporting argument.

3. Body Paragraph 2: Second Supporting Argument

- **Topic Sentence:** Introduce your second supporting argument.

- **Evidence:** Provide evidence, such as facts, statistics, or examples, to support your argument.
- **Explanation:** Analyze the evidence and explain how it supports your argument.
- **Counterargument:** Briefly acknowledge a counterargument or opposing view, then refute it with evidence or reasoning.
- **Transition:** Lead into the next supporting argument.

4. Body Paragraph 3: Third Supporting Argument

- **Topic Sentence:** Introduce your third supporting argument.
- **Evidence:** Provide evidence, such as facts, statistics, or examples, to support your argument.
- **Explanation:** Analyze the evidence and explain how it supports your argument.
- **Counterargument:** Briefly acknowledge a counterargument or opposing view, then refute it with evidence or reasoning.
- **Transition:** Lead into the conclusion.

5. Conclusion

- **Restate Thesis:** Reaffirm your thesis statement in light of the arguments and evidence in the body paragraphs.
- **Summary of Arguments:** Summarize the key arguments you made in the essay, reinforcing why your position is valid.
- **Call to Action:** End with a strong closing statement encouraging the reader to think, take action, or consider your position further. This could be a rhetorical question, a suggestion for future research, or a call to adopt your viewpoint.