

UT - POINT BY POINT PATTERN Short Argumentative Essay Outline

Name:

Student #:

Essay Title:

Part I. Introduction

Introduce your topic: (Background information to introduce your topic)

Thesis Statement (clearly articulates your topic and your position/main argument)

Part II. Supporting Arguments

Section A. Opposing Point 1 + Rebuttal

Body Paragraph 1 Topic Sentence: statement of an objection to your point of view

Body Paragraph 1 Rebuttal Points (take the objection seriously, but present your evidence and arguments for why your readers should accept your position)

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Section B. Opposing Point #2 + Rebuttal

Body Paragraph 2 Topic Sentence: (A second possible argument against your thesis)

Body Paragraph 2 Rebuttal Points (take the objection seriously, but present your evidence and arguments for why your readers should accept your position)

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Section C. Opposing Point #3 + Rebuttal

Body Paragraph 3 Topic Sentence: (final possible argument against your thesis)

Body Paragraph 3 Rebuttal Points (take the objection seriously, but present your evidence and arguments for why your readers should accept your position)

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Part III. Conclusion

For a University Transfer course, instructors expect your writing to show a little more sophistication. There are a number of different strategies you may opt for to conclude your essay.

See our Writing Guide – Writing an Argumentative Essay, pp. 6-7.

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Concluding idea: leave your readers something to think about.

Remember to hand in a complete References (APA), Works Cited (MLA) or Bibliography (CMS) page with this outline.