

Flash Drafting an Argument Using an Organizational Structure

Argument Essays begin with a **Position Statement** (thesis, claim), which is where the author states his/her opinion on the topic. A position statement often goes like this:

I think _____ because (reason 1), because (reason 2), and because (reason 3).

The position statement is followed by the **Body Paragraphs**, which is where the author supports his/her position with reasons and evidence. Body paragraphs often go like this:

(Reason 1)

One reason (position statement) is that _____.

- *For example, (evidence a)*
- *Also, (evidence b)*
- *In addition, (evidence c)*

(Reason 2)

Another reason (position statement) is that _____.

- *For example, (evidence a)*
- *Also, (evidence b)*
- *In addition, (evidence c)*

(Reason 3)

Another reason (position statement) is that _____.

- *For example, (evidence a)*
- *Also, (evidence b)*
- *In addition, (evidence c)*

Argument Essays finish with a **Concluding Statement**, which is where the author summarizes the most important points made. A concluding statement often goes like this:

_____ (reason 1), (reason 2), and (reason 3), therefore it is my belief that _____.