

Graphic Organizer for the Persuasive Essay

Essay Topic: After selecting a debatable topic, conduct preliminary research to familiarize yourself with both sides of your chosen issue. Then take a side and write an argumentative essay convincing your audience to agree with your chose side of the issue. Make sure to document your sources and take careful notes in Google Classroom to add strong Ethos to your argument and to avoid plagiarism.



Attack the Prompt

- **Hook** your audience and give relevant **Background Information**.
- State your **Claim**
- Acknowledge the **Counterclaim**

- **Thesis statement** – Claim + at least 3 Reasons



Attack Your Thesis – First Reason

Major Support

1

Bring It!



Minor Support

So What? – Transition to Next Paragraph



Attack Your Thesis – Second Reason

Major Support

2

Bring It!



Minor Support

So What? – Transition to Next Paragraph



Attack Your Thesis – Third Reason

Major Support

3

Bring It!



Minor Support

So What? – Transition to Next Paragraph

Counter Claim

- Recognize the Opposing View
- Examine the Validity of it

- **Crush it**



Close the Deal

- Restate your claim in a different way
- Review your thesis statement

- Drive home your point with a **Call to Action** and a final closing point.