

# Graphic Organizer for the Argumentative Essay

**Essay Topic:** Select two things that are similar to each other and that people may disagree with each other over which one is better. Write an Argumentative Essay making the argument that one of these things is better than the other. You may write about whether the novel is better than the movie, the movie is better than the novel, or you may select your own topic. Be sure to select a topic that investigates an argument where there is clearly another side and that you will be able to clearly defend with supporting evidence.



## 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 powerful closing thought