

Graphic Organizer for the Argumentative Essay

Essay Topic: When Do Kids Become Adults?

After reading the articles in your textbook, plan an argument that supports a claim suggesting that kids should either have or not have the same rights and responsibilities as adults. Your claim may either address an existing law or address the topic in more general terms. Regardless of your approach, it should involve an age-related controversy and be supported by evidence you collect from the articles listed in this section of your text and from the support site on Mr. Ott's Website.

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

