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## Argument Essay

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Your job is to write an argument essay. This paper is one where you will write a position on a controversial issue. Begin by present the issue to readers, then take a position, and finally develop a convincing, well-reasoned argument. Remember to provide support for your points. Your paper should be at least two pages long but writing more will not hurt your essay. Here is a sample outline for such a paper:

1. Introduce the topic and state your position (which is your thesis)
2. Explain any background about your topic
3. Explain three forceful arguments that **oppose** your own position and explain their points. (This is to show that you are open-minded of other viewpoints)
4. Offer three forceful arguments that **support** your own position; show how they are better than those arguments that are opposed to your position. (You will want to spend a paragraph on each argument)
5. Restate your position and add your own commentary or personal testimony that leaves the reader believing in your position.

Be well informed about your topic. To add to your knowledge of a topic, read thoroughly about it using legitimate sources. Take notes. Here are some topics to consider:

Gambling  
Abortion  
Gun Control  
Assisted Suicide  
Cloning  
The Death Penalty  
Animal Rights  
Legalizing Marijuana  
Premarital Sex  
Censorship