**Argumentative/Persuasive Essay** ***Outline format***

**I. Introductory Paragraph**

A. “Hook” or “Grabber” sentence.

B. Information/Background/Explanation (expand on “Hook”)

C. Thesis Statement (see attached doc “writing a thesis in 3 easy steps) – use part of the prompt that you pulled

as your topic to write the thesis)

D. Transition (word/phrase) and three support points to strengthen your claim (what will your body paragraphs

be about?) – name them in the order in which they will appear in your essay

**II.** ***( Body Paragraph 1)*** – addresses first support point mentioned in intro paragraph

A. Topic Sentence: Address what your paragraph will be about/ 1st support point (NOTE: this should be the

weakest argument in your paper – you decide what that is)

B. Use examples, etc. to strengthen your topic sentences and support your claim/position

C. Transition statement

**III*. (Body Paragraph 2)***

A. Topic Sentence: Address what your paragraph will be about/2nd support point from intro (NOTE: this should

be the middle argument in your paper – you decide)

B. Use examples, etc. to strengthen your topic sentences and support your claim/position

C. transition statement

**IV.** ***(Body Paragraph 3)***

A. Topic Sentence: address what your paragraph will be about / 3rd support point from intro (Note: this should

be your strongest argument –you decide)

B. Examples, etc. to strengthen your topic sentences and support your claim/position

C. Mention and refute counter-argument (minimize and weaken it)

D. Transision statement

**V. Conclusion**

A. Rephrase thesis (say essentially the same thing, but word it differently)

B. provide some more strength for your position or pose a question to your audience

C. answer question/address information with a strong clincher – something that will leave a strong

Impression with your audience. Think solution(s)!!

**Note:** throughout your essay, write confidently. Remember, you have an opinion and you would like for your audience to get that and to share your opinion. You easily do this in your real life, so just put it down on paper.

**Remember:** Organization, support, and legibility!!!