*Use the following outline to frame your argument.*

**I. Introduction**

 **A. Hook** (Ask a question, tell a short story, provide an inspiring quote, or give an interesting fact)

 **B.** **Explain** how your question, story, quote, or fact applies to your topic

 **C.** **Thesis**

**II. Support Paragraphs**

 **A.** **Claim 1**

 1. Topic Sentence

 2. Explain the topic sentence

 3. Introduce your evidence

 4. Explain how your evidence proves the topic sentence

 **B. Claim 2**

 1. Topic Sentence

 2. Explain the topic sentence

 3. Introduce your evidence

 4. Explain how your evidence proves the topic sentence

 **C. Claim 3** (if needed)

**III. Counter Argument** (Use a transition like, “On the other hand, some might argue…,” or “In some cases, others might

think…”)

 **A. Concession** [Why might the counterargument be right?]

 **B. Refutation** [Why is the counterargument really wrong?] (Use a transition like, “However,” “In reality”, or

“This is not correct because…”)

**IV. Conclusion**

 **A. Rephrase thesis**

**B. So What?** Why is this topic important to discuss?

 **C. Call to Action:** What should your eader do or think now that they know what you know?

 **D. Come back to your hook** (answer your question, show what happened at the end of your story, or explain

why your quote or interesting fact is so important)