*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)