

Argumentative Essay Outline

Writing II – Submitted for a Quiz Grade (At Least 1 Page, Typed)

In addition to your argumentative essay that you'll be submitting on Friday May 3rd, you'll also be submitting an outline of your essay on Wednesday, Friday April 26th by Midnight. In this outline, you should include the following elements:

- A (work-in-progress) thesis statement that directly answers the question
- Three body paragraphs with (work-in-progress) topic sentences
- Two (work-in-progress) pieces of research that you may use in your essay
- Correct formatting (must be modeled after one of the formatting styles in *Successful College Composition*)

When Is This Due?

- Your outline for your argumentative essay (Quiz Grade) is due Friday, April 26th
 - Your final argumentative essay is due Friday May 3rd
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Outline Grading Rubric

Work In Progress (WIP) Thesis Statement _____ / 4

Your outline should have a clearly labeled thesis statement, and your thesis statement should directly answer the question you're asked to answer in the argumentative essay.

At Least Three WIP Body Paragraphs _____ / 4

Each body paragraph should have its own distinct main idea with a topic sentence, and at least two different sub-topics listed underneath, where you elaborate on the main idea of your paragraph.

Included Research _____ / 4

One section of your outline should include two pieces of outside research (website, news article, book chapter, etc) with a brief explanation of how you know it's reliable information, and why it will be useful in your argument.

Organization & Clarity of Ideas _____ / 4

Your outline needs to be well organized, and it should be clear what the overall logic and structure of your argument is.

Formatting _____ / 4

Your outline is formatted correctly and makes use of one of the formatting styles listed in Successful College Composition (section 2.2 on Outlining). Which style you choose isn't as important, so long as you are writing in standard MLA style (Times New Roman font, 1" margins, etc), and your numbering / lettering is consistent.

Total Points _____ / **20**