



Argumentative

INTERMEDIATE

Structuring an essay - Some examples of how to start your paragraphs.

INTRODUCTION

Background **B** Over the past few decades/years, _____ [topic] _____ **has/have** _____ [past participle] _____

Issue **I** While it may appear that _____ [paraphrase argument from question] _____,

Thesis **T** In my opinion I agree/disagree with this statement for the following reasons.

SUPPORT/Argument 1

Topic Sentence **T** There are obvious reasons why _____ [your argument - simple sentence] _____

Idea **I** The most important one is, _____ [sentence] _____

Explain/Example **E** [Explain] _____ . For example, _____

SUPPORT/Argument 2

Idea **I** The second reason why is _____ [simple sentence] _____

Explain/Extend **E** [Explain] _____

_____ [Extend] _____

OPPOSITE/Argument (Optional Only)

Topic Sentence **T** Despite this, there are others who argue that _____ [opposite argument] _____

Idea **I** They believe that _____

Explain/Extend **E** [Explain] _____ [Extend] _____

CONCLUSION

Restate Thesis **R** In conclusion, it may seem that _____ but I think that _____

Recommendation **R** In the future, _____ [needs to, should, must] _____

PLEASE NOTE: It is recommended to have two strong ideas - you do not have to present the opposite.