

## Argumentative Essay

To write an argumentative essay, use the following steps to help you:

### · **Introduction**

1. Hook the reader by using a rhetorical question or a strong statement or a powerful quotation.
2. Give some background information about the topic you will write about.
3. Write a clear **THESIS STATEMENT** in which you introduce the topic clearly and state your **claim (opinion)** and give **two reasons** without giving too many details. (You will write that in the body paragraphs!)

### · **Body**

1. Paragraph 2: start with a transition word + topic sentence. State reason 1 then support it with strong **evidence** like *facts, statistics and examples*.
2. Paragraph 3: start with a transition word + topic sentence. State reason 2 then support it with strong **evidence** like *facts, statistics and examples*.
3. Paragraph 4: start with a transition word + topic sentence that introduces the **counterclaim** (different opinion or objections). Write your rebuttal and try to **show why they are not true** or why you **disagree** with them using evidence like *facts, statistics and examples*.

### · **Conclusion**

1. Start with a transition word + topic sentence. Conclude with a brief **summary** and restate your claim.
2. **Never** add a new idea just because you have thought of it at the end!

<b>Technique</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Facts</b>	Factual information that people can't argue with.
<b>Power of three</b>	Including lists of three items/reasons in your writing.
<b>Emotive language</b>	Words, phrases and imagery that arouse an emotional response. (anger- sympathy- sorrow...etc)
<b>Rhetorical question</b>	Questions to get your audience thinking – they don't require an answer.
<b>Quotes</b>	Use quotes from experts or famous figures.
<b>Anecdote</b>	Including little stories to illustrate a point. (examples)
<b>Direct address</b>	Involve your audience by speaking to them directly using personal pronoun (you).
<b>Exaggeration</b>	Being over-the-top to get a point across.

## Sentence starters for argumentative

I strongly believe that...	Some people think that----- However, the truth is...
I firmly believe that...	In my opinion...
In my experience...	I strongly disagree with ...

### Body 1:

To begin with....
In the beginning...
First/ Firstly,

### Body 2:

In addition/ Additionally/ To add more
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Furthermore
Moreover

### **Body 3:**

On the other hand
However
Some people argue that...

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion/ To conclude
Finally
In a nutshell

## Prompt:

As the world goes through a global pandemic, many schools have opted to the alternative of online or distance learning. Are you for or against distance learning?

### Start your essay here:

If you ask me which is better, traditional or online learning, I'd have to say traditional, because it was more interesting and you had no choice but to listen. Online school is a contingency plan because society was not prepared for this. The government had no choice but to do this. Although this year was very stressful, there are many, many assignments and tests. I firmly believe that distance learning is hard, maybe, and just maybe it could be the reason grades have gone downhill in the school. I would know since most of my family is in this school.

Firstly, real-life school was my second home, I was somewhat comfortable there. I got good grades, and good friends. In online school, I am concerned that my friendships will "sail" away. In online, my grades may or may not decrease, since it's very hard to focus with the pixels. I think I'm making it crystal clear that online school barely has any pros and tons of cons. Maybe it's just me, but I don't think distant learning is valid for everyone, Research stated that 36% of people have no money for electronics and could BARELY afford regular school according to the website: THE WEEK.

Furthermore, I feel like I am always in my room. I am practically a robot now. My eyes are constantly on the screen waiting for new assignments, I never leave my room now. I think my hand is binded to my keyboard and mouse since I am always in the same stance. If somebody talks to me, I reply emotionlessly. I don't blame anybody for COVID-19 except for the dumb guy who ate a bobcat that was caged too close to a bat. Although I guess we shouldn't have been picturing an ideal world and honestly, I guess we could have prepared more for a pandemic, I'm definitely not saying that it's our fault. I'm saying that people should have started to take COVID seriously from the start-- which half of Kuwait DID NOT do.

I could see the point of people choosing online school. Online gives you time to sleep. Online gives you time to spend time with your pets. Online gives you time to play games on playstation and PC. Most people like online because they can cheat on assignments with videos and notes. The other half (INCLUDING ME) don't. I guess people like this because they are more free, because half of every person I know is like: SCHOOL IS PRISON or I WANT TO ESCAPE. Although I don't mind traditional school that much.

Online school isn't good for you since it rottens your eyes. Scientists have proven that any device or gadget or technology of any sort has to be minimized. In conclusion, traditional learning is better than online learning because online rots your eyes, and is very boring and killing friendships. It rots your eyes, it hurts your brain. It takes away friendships, and confiscates your money.