**Argumentative Writing**

As in any essay, the first paragraph of your argumentative essay should contain a brief explanation of your topic, some background information, and a thesis statement. In this case, your thesis will be a statement of your position (your claim) on a particular controversial topic.

Claim Statement

Support your claim with more than one supporting reason – in logical order. Next, give evidence to support your reasons.

Reasons/ Supporting Details

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**Evidence**

**So What?**

\*Make at least one counterclaim – otherside of the argument.

Counterclaim

 \* This could be a transition at the beginning of a sentence.

Provide a concluding statement that calls the audience to take action.

Paraphrased Claim:

Call to Action:

Closing: