Argumentative Essay

Introductory Paragraph

* 1. **Hook**- Give a statistic, use imagery, a quotation, etc… to get your audience “Hooked” on reading the rest of your essay.
  2. **Thesis statement (Claim)**- Example:” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should be\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because...” (Avoid using “I” statements.)
  3. In one or two sentences, give your **three main reasons** for supporting the topic. (These reasons will be used in the body of your essay. Again, avoid using “I” statements.)

Body Paragraph 1

1. **Topic Sentence**- State main reason 1 Example: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is one of the biggest problems with having a cell phone in class.”
2. **Facts/Evidence**- This is where you convince your audience of reason 1. Use facts and evidence from reputable sources to support your reason. **Example**: “In a national study among students who wear school uniforms, conducted by….. the average student Feels stifled by wearing the same thing every day.” Facts and evidence can be from internet sources, newspapers, magazines, books, interviews you’ve conducted with others, etc… **One fact or piece of evidence is not enough! Try to use information, examples, and evidence from a variety of strong, credible sources to back up your claims!** Be sure to include your thoughts and opinions and don’t forget to consider the opposing side and what they might argue, say, or think.

Make sure to **give your sources full credit** in your bibliography on a separate sheet of paper at the end of your essay. Use MLA format.

Body Paragraph 2

1. **Topic Sentence**- State main reason number 2.
2. Use **facts/evidence** to support reason 2.

Body Paragraph 3

1. **Topic Sentence**- State main reason number 3
2. Use **facts/evidence** to support reason number 3

Conclusion Paragraph- Re state your thesis a different way and point out how much better things will be. Say something that will make a lasting impact on your audience.