



# Argumentative Essay Outline Template (Rogerian Framework)

## I. Introduction

- Introduce the issue in a neutral, non-confrontational way.
- Establish why the topic matters and why different perspectives exist.
- Signal that the discussion will consider multiple viewpoints fairly.

## II. Explanation of the Opposing View

- Present the opposing position as accurately and respectfully as possible.
- Explain the values, concerns, or assumptions behind this viewpoint.
- Show that the opposing side has reasonable motivations, even if you disagree.

## III. Context Where the Opposing View Makes Sense

- Identify situations or conditions where the opposing position may be valid.
- Acknowledge limitations in your own position where appropriate.
- Build trust by showing intellectual honesty rather than dismissal.

## IV. Presentation of Your Position

- Introduce your own claim carefully, without framing it as an attack.
- Explain the context in which your position works best.
- Clarify how your perspective responds to concerns raised by the opposing side.

## V. Benefits to Both Sides

- Show how your position could address shared goals or values.
- Explain how adopting your approach reduces conflict or improves outcomes.
- Emphasize coexistence, compromise, or mutual benefit where possible.

## VI. Conclusion

- Reinforce the importance of understanding both perspectives.
- Summarize how your position fits within the broader discussion.
- End with a forward-looking thought focused on cooperation, resolution, or shared progress.