

# Argumentative Essay Outline Template (Classical / Aristotelian Framework)

## I. Introduction

- Open with a compelling idea that draws the reader into the issue.
- Provide background information so the context of the argument is clear.
- State a focused thesis that presents a clear position.

## II. Confirmation of the Argument

- Present the strongest reason supporting the thesis.
- Support the point with credible evidence such as data, research, or examples.
- Explain how the evidence directly strengthens the claim.
- Repeat this structure for each additional supporting point.

## III. Refutation of Opposing Views

- Identify the main objections to your position.
- Explain these opposing views fairly to establish credibility.
- Respond with reasoning and evidence that demonstrates why your argument remains stronger.

## VI. Conclusion

- Restate the thesis using new language.
- Summarize the key supporting points without repeating details.
- End with a decisive insight, recommendation, or broader implication.