**The Argumentative Essay**

* An argumentative essay blends relevant reasons and credible date to convince readers to accept his side as the truth…
* A persuasive essay blends opinion and facts in an attempt to convince readers to accept his opinion…
* An argumentative essay convinces readers to accept his side as the truth…
  + The attention catcher (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) captures the reader’s attention
  + The writer’s position statement or claim (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) (proposition) (assertion)(belief) about the topic
  + Two-three supporting arguments convince the reader that the thesis is correct
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ respond to reader concerns and objections
  + The conclusion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the thesis (comes back to the point)
* The introduction should have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that certain something that grabs or catches the reader’s attention. Here are a few examples:
  + Open with an unusual detail or statistic, or a startling or striking fact from an *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* source
  + Striking, startling…

**Headlines:**

1. **Thirteen teachers, two students and one police officer killed in Munich**
2. **75 percent of all middle school students report having been bullied at some point, according to *Dr. Henry Helms of the American Educational Society.***

**Lead / Hook** - Grab the Reader’s Attention

***OPTIONS:***

* Open with a strong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- Texting and driving is the second greatest cause of death among teens.
* Open with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- “As a man thinketh, so is he.”
* Open with an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(a small/quick story connected to your topic.) At the beginning of a class on fire safety, the speaker tells a short cautionary tale about a serious injury that occurred as a result of not following protocol.
* Open with an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- Have you ever felt alone in a room full of people?

A position/thesis statement is always one sentence that states your claim or assertion (belief about a topic. A thesis statement usually includes a forecast (brief preview of your arguments).

USE THE PRO CON GRAPHIC ORGANIZER THAT YOU COMPLETED DURING OUR LAST CLASS AND COMPLETE THE THESIS STATEMENT BELOW:

(I believe)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because of argument 1, argument 2, and argument 3.

I believe that