

Persuasive Essay Outline

Introductory Paragraph

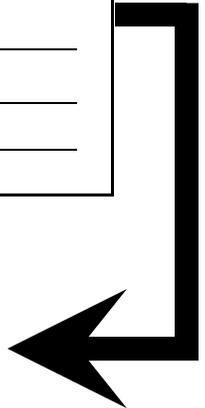
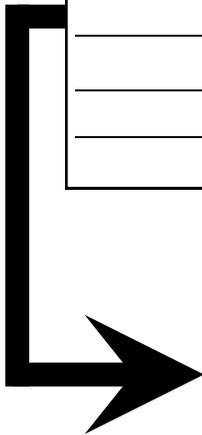
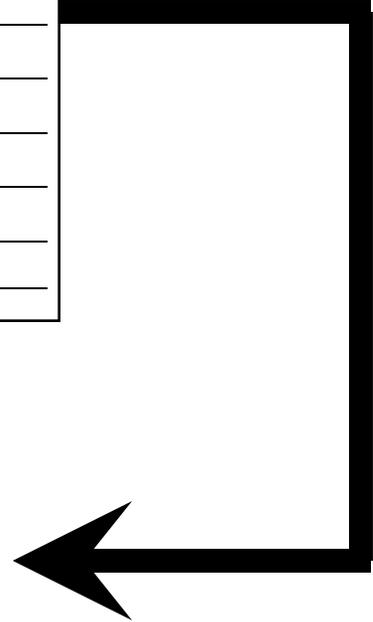
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Directions: Introduce your topic in general terms. Start broad and work down to your thesis. In this box, write about greatness. What makes something great? Is something great to everyone? Why or why not?

Next, write the title of the video, the author of the video, and why it is significant to greatness.

Then, give a synopsis (brief summary) of two or three sentences about the video.

Finally, write your thesis statement in this box. Your thesis statement should have three prongs.



Body Paragraph 1

Directions: Each body paragraph should address one prong from your thesis statement. In this box, write a topic sentence that deals with **prong 1** of your thesis statement.

NOTE:
Use transitions
between ideas.

Next, provide **EXPLANATION #1** that deals with your topic. Give details.

Then, provide **EXPLANATION #2** that deals with your topic. Give details.

Counterargument: Write an opposing sentence (or two) about your topic.

Next, provide **EXPLANATION #3** that deals with your topic. Give details. **PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE FROM THE VIDEO.**

Finally, write one sentence that wraps-up this paragraph and deals with your paragraph topic.

Body Paragraph 2

Directions: Each body paragraph should address one prong from your thesis statement. In this box, write a topic sentence that deals with **prong 2** of your thesis statement.

NOTE:

Use a transition
in your topic
sentence.

Use transitions
between ideas.

Next, provide **EXPLANATION #1** that deals with your topic. Give details.

Then, provide **EXPLANATION #2** that deals with your topic. Give details.

Counterargument: Write an opposing sentence (or two) about your topic.

Next, provide **EXPLANATION #3** that deals with your topic. Give details. **PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE FROM THE VIDEO.**

Finally, write one sentence that wraps-up this paragraph and deals with your paragraph topic.

Body Paragraph 3

Directions: Each body paragraph should address one prong from your thesis statement. In this box, write a topic sentence that deals with **prong 3** of your thesis statement.

NOTE:

Use a transition
in your topic
sentence.

Use transitions
between ideas.

Next, provide **EXPLANATION #1** that deals with your topic. Give details.

Then, provide **EXPLANATION #2** that deals with your topic. Give details.

Counterargument: Write an opposing sentence (or two) about your topic.

Next, provide **EXPLANATION #3** that deals with your topic. Give details. **PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE FROM THE VIDEO.**

Finally, write one sentence that wraps-up this paragraph and deals with your paragraph topic.

Conclusionary Paragraph

Directions: Work backwards from your thesis to broader terms. In this box, restate (not repeat) your thesis ideas. It may take you more than one sentence.

NOTE:

Use a transition in your topic sentence.

Use transitions between ideas.

Next, write the title of the video, the author of the video, and how it demonstrates that America is great.

Then, summarize the most important aspect of the video and a point in the essay.

Finally, write a call-to-action persuading people to agree with this viewpoint or adjust their thinking.

