

Opinion/Argument Essay Prewriting

Introduction

- *Hook your reader... a question, surprising fact, something catchy.
- *Give a little background information that makes the topic important.
- *Share that there are two sides to the issue.
- *State your **BIG BOLD CLAIM** - *The Giving Tree* is _____
- *Include your reasons so the reader knows what to expect.

The Body of Your Essay - Paragraphs

- *Reason 1 - One reason (THESIS) is that...
 - For example, (Evidence A)
 - Also, (Evidence B)
 - In addition, (Evidence C)
- *Reason 2 - Another reason (THESIS) is that...
 - For example, (Evidence A)
 - Also, (Evidence B)
 - In addition, (Evidence C)
- *Reason 3 - A further reason, (THESIS) is that...
 - For example, (Evidence A)
 - Also, (Evidence B)
 - In addition, (Evidence C)
- *Argument/Counterargument Paragraph (This could be your third paragraph instead of a third reason.)
 - Some people may say..., however
 - You might think..., but
 - Critics argue that... While that may be true..., it really depends on...

Conclusion - Wrap Up

- *Reconnect to the broader theme.
- *Connect to your thesis and emphasize why the claim and evidence matter.
- *Leave the readers with something to think about.
- *Finish with a BANG!