

# Persuasive Essay Template

## Introduction Paragraph

### MLA Formatting & Tips:

1. Title your essay
  - Relates to thesis
  - Catchy and short
  - Not bolded or underlined
2. Double space essay
3. Header (top left) no cover page
  - Your name
  - Teacher Name
  - Class code
  - Due date
4. Page number on top right
5. Keep in present tense
6. Use transition words to help with organization and flow
7. Edit your work!
8. Focus on thesis
9. Cite all your work (Author last name space page).
  - Provide a Works Cited Page
  - Keep quotes short

Hook (Excite and interest your reader)

Author name and title. This is also called a narrowing statement. Underline or italicize novel title.

Thesis—This idea guides the entire essay, and you must add complexity yet maintain clarity with each level and grade.

Clearly break up the thesis into three chunks. Called the directional, enumeration, or organization (The three points correspond with each body paragraph). Higher grades may have more, for a more complex thesis, and thus you require more body paragraphs.

i)

ii)

iii)

## Body Paragraph 1

Topic Sentence: Corresponds to i) from directional statement. You may also state your organization for this paragraph.

Point (Argument that proves the above topic sentence)	Proof (page____)	Analysis (explains how the proof/evidence proves the topic sentence)
Point	Proof (page____)	Analysis
Point	Proof (page____)	Analysis

Conclusion Sentence (similar to Topic Sentence)

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## Body Paragraph 2

Topic Sentence: Corresponds to ii)

Point	Proof (page____)	Analysis
Point	Proof (page____)	Analysis
Point	Proof (page____)	Analysis

Conclusion Sentence (similar to Topic Sentence)

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## Body Paragraph 3

Topic Sentence: Corresponds to iii)

Point	Proof (page____)	Analysis
Point	Proof (page____)	Analysis
Point	Proof (page____)	Analysis

Conclusion Sentence (similar to Topic Sentence)

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## Conclusion Paragraph

Summarize topic sentences and thesis

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Food for thought allows you to tell your reader why your essay/thesis matters.

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