

## Persuasive Argument Proposal



### PART 1:

1. What one word can describe your topic?  
(TOPIC IDEAS - <http://www.procon.org/> )
2. What IS YOUR OVERALL GOAL (What do you want to happen? Describe it in one sentence so you know exactly where you are heading in your essay. )
3. What may be a *counter argument* to your goal?  
(COUNTER ARGUMENTS - [Opposing View Points](#))

### PART 2:

#### My thesis statement or question:

1. Read the handout about making a claim: [The Thesis Statement](#) for an argument essay.
2. Write three possible thesis statements for your essay.
3. Choose your favorite thesis statement from above and write an introductory paragraph.
  - o Review the sample [Introduction paragraphs](#) and conclusions.

#### Approach to the subject of my paper:

1. What is your claim? FACT, VALUE and/or POLICY
2. History, Political, Social, Scientific, Medicine, etc...
3. What is your primary appeal? ([ethos, logos, pathos](#)) and briefly explain why?

### PART 3:

#### Intended audience:

1. Who specifically would be interested in this argument?
2. Does your argument use [Inductive or Deductive Reasoning](#)? (Read the handout on Inductive and Deductive Reasoning)

#### Compose an essay outline:

1. [Essay Outline Sample](#)
2. Everything you need to know about writing an Persuasive Argument Essay: Click on the following link to learn more and answer this question.

What is a logical fallacy? Give a specific example from the site: [Logical Fallacies](#)

### PART 4:

#### Documentation Style:

1. Review the *The brief Thomson Handbook* about which field of study uses. Choose one style for your essay and briefly explain why? APA (American Psychological Association) or MLA (Modern Language Association)

2. What kinds of sources will I use? ([Using Sources](#)- click on the link for more information)
  - o For example: [Nobel Prize Laureates](#)
  - o [CNN Heroes](#)
  - o [Biography Resource Center](#)
3. Why will these sources benefit the essay topic?