

Essay Graphic Organizer

Introductory Paragraph

1. General Statement about the topic (as it applies to all humans):

2. FATt sentence

3. Thesis statement: (Sheridan- Baker)

Although _____, _____
(counter argument/ opposition's side) (your argument)

_____ because _____, _____,
(reason 1) (reason 2)

and _____.
(reason 3)

Body Paragraph 1:

(Transition word), topic sentence about first reason. Make sure it is an arguable claim.

_____, “ _____
(introductory tie providing speaker, context, and academic verb) (quote)

(quote continued/ remove period from final sentence) MLA citation (Last Name #).

Commentary/Analysis: Explain how the quote supports your argument

(Conclusion sentence, restate main point/ explain how examples reiterate point/ transition)

Body Paragraph 2:

(Transition word), topic sentence about second reason. Make sure it is an arguable claim.

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(introductory tie providing speaker, context, and academic verb) (quote)

(quote continued/ remove period from final sentence) _____ MLA citation (Last Name #).

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Body Paragraph 3:

(Transition word), topic sentence about third reason.

(introductory tie providing speaker, context, and academic verb) “ (quote)
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Conclusion paragraph:

(Transition word, reiterate main point)

(Reword thesis)

(Apply theme/focus to the general world)

(leave readers with something to new to think about/ponder)
