

Tips for using this worksheet:

1. This worksheet is intended as a general guideline only.
2. You may adapt it to the requirements for any writing assignment.
3. The 5 paragraph essay is NOT an acceptable format for this essay. It is an essay for 5+ pages, so you will have more than 5 paragraphs.
4. At the end of the outline, before the conclusion, we have inserted a section for possible counter arguments.
 - . This section could be moved to another part of your essay.
 - . Ask your instructor where he/she wants you to consider counter arguments.
 - . Counter arguments are arguments AGAINST your position, so you need to respond to them -- tell your readers why your thesis is still the correct position.
5. Still not sure of what to do? Book an appointment with a writing specialist at either campus <https://alexander.mywconline.com/>

Name:

Student #

Essay topic:

Part I. Introduction

Background Information:

Thesis statement:

**Part II – Arguments or Reasons to Support Your Thesis
Section A. Reason or argument 1 that supports your thesis**

Body Paragraph 1 Topic sentence

Body Paragraph 1 Supporting points

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Body Paragraph 2 Topic sentence:

Body Paragraph 2 Supporting points

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.1.

Section B. Reason or argument 2 that supports your thesis

Body Paragraph 3 Topic Sentence:

Body Paragraph 3 Supporting points

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Body Paragraph 4 Topic sentence:

Body Paragraph 4 Supporting points

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

C. Reason or argument 3 that supports your thesis**Body Paragraph 5 Topic sentence:****Body Paragraph 5 Supporting Points**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Body Paragraph 6 Topic sentence:**Body Paragraph 6 Supporting points**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Possible Section III: Counter Arguments and Responses to them
Identify a possible counter argument or objection to your position

Reasons to refute or argue against the counter argument

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Section IV. Conclusion: summary and concluding idea.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3

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Outline for an essay of more than 5 pages