

**BASIC FORM: ARGUMENT**  
**WPE 020**

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- I. Introduction
  - a. Introducing Statement (choose one)
    - i. Rephrase the BS (WPE prompt) in your own words
    - ii. Funnel: start broad and then hone in on your subject
    - iii. Compare/Contrast: briefly state the other argument, then yours
  - b. Thesis: State your position (the thesis always addresses the WPE question)
- II. Body Paragraph 1
  - a. Topic Sentence: Make a claim to support your thesis
  - b. Example(s): Support your claim with an example or specific details
  - c. Tie-In: Show the reader how your claim and example support your thesis
- III. Body Paragraph 2
  - a. Topic Sentence: Make a claim to support your thesis
  - b. Example(s): Support your claim with an example or specific details
  - c. Tie-In: Show the reader how your claim and example support your thesis
- IV. Body Paragraph 3
  - a. Topic Sentence: Make a claim to support your thesis
  - b. Example(s): Support your claim with an example or specific details
  - c. Tie-In: Show the reader how your claim and example support your thesis
- V. Conclusion
  - a. Restate your thesis
  - b. Remind the reader of your support of it
  - c. OPTIONAL: Get reflective (choose one)
    - i. Ask a rhetorical question: Given these reasons, wouldn't you \_\_\_.
    - ii. Raise a question that sheds a new light on the topic
    - iii. Make a comment about the future
    - iv. Quantify the problem
    - v. Recognize the counterargument: Unless \_\_\_ were to happen, \_\_\_ ....