

Argument Essay Outline

Make sure both 1s and 2s are complete sentences.

Must be in a formal tone - no "you" or "I" or talking to the reader.

Fill in the "type here" areas with YOUR information.

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Hook -Do dancers really need ballet? If they want to do hip hop, jazz or modern, can't they just focus on that? Why should they spend time on ballet if they aren't even going to use it?

Transition from hook to thesis. Many dancers know,

1 Thesis Ballet is the foundation of all forms of dance.

2 Transition: First, Subtopic 1 - ballet is the foundation of all forms of dance, because ballet helps dancers learn skills needed for all types of dance.

3 Introduce Quote (your words)- According to Kaleidoscope Dance,

4 Supporting Evidence - direct quotes. (author's words)

"Ballet gives dancers a solid foundation of technique which leads to success in other styles of dance. It is always best if a dancer starts ballet at a young age. It helps them develop the skills they will need when they decide to take a contemporary class or even hip-hop."(Jackson, Heather).

5 Reasoning/Explanation (As many sentences as you need) **Most forms of dance are built off of ballet, and it is usually best if dancers start ballet at a young age. Heather shows that ballet helps dancers learn important skills needed in all types of dance, like musicality, stamina, and flexibility.**

2 Transition: Also, Subtopic 1 ballet is the foundation of all types of dance, because contemporary dance styles formed based off of ballet

3 Introduce Quote (your words)- According to Timeline of American Ballet in the 20th Century,

4 Supporting Evidence - direct quotes. (author's words)

"With the founding of George Balanchine's New York City Ballet in 1948, modernism and neoclassicism became the defining traits of American ballet at midcentury."(Garafola, Lynn).

5 Reasoning/Explanation (As many sentences as you need) **Contemporary, and Modern dance were created after ballet was, and built off of it. Lynn shows that ballet is the foundation of all forms of dance, because ballet was created before modern types of dance, and contemporary dance types were based off of ballet.**

2 Transition: Lastly , Subtopic 1 - ballet is the foundation of all forms of dance, because ballet helps with musicality, which is important for all forms of dance

3 Introduce Quote (your words)- According to The New York Film Academy,

4 Supporting Evidence - direct quotes. (author's words)

"Ballet technique is like taking your vitamins. Even if ballet is not your main focus, the practice of this fundamental style will surely supplement your dancing. It will help you maintain and improve your overall technique, coordination, body awareness, musicality, and more."(New York Film Academy).

5 Reasoning/Explanation (As many sentences as you need) **Ballet helps improve things like technique, or musicality, which is needed in all types of dance. The New York Film Academy shows that ballet helps dancers learn and get better at crucial understanding of music, which is needed in all forms of dance.**

1 Transition for **conclusion**: As you can see, Ballet helps with many things needed for other types of dance. Dancers will get better if they take ballet. If they don't take ballet, they won't be as good. In conclusion, dancers who take ballet classes consistently have better posture, musicality, and flexibility rather than dancers who don't.

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