

Name: _____

ESL 088WG Research Worksheet

This is a worksheet. It is not an outline. You will use this worksheet to brainstorm all of the important elements needed for your essay. It will be necessary to move back and forth between sections when you eventually write your essay.

As we have already discussed, your argumentative research essay will include:

Introduction (hook, background information, direct thesis statement)

Body Paragraphs (3 paragraphs in favor of your thesis)

Counter Argument & Refutation paragraph (1 paragraph stating opposite points of view to your thesis AND a re-statement of your thesis)

Conclusion (Restate thesis, summarize points, end with a final thought)

Argument Topic

In the box below, write the argument topic that you chose:

Argument topic:

Connecting Information - Overview/Background

In the box below, write the title of your Overview article and **paraphrase** the most important background information:

Article Title:

Background information:

Thesis Statement:

Brainstorm your 3 arguments and write your thesis. Make it a direct thesis, where you explicitly state your opinion and list your 3 points.

Arguments

Now that you have your thesis, take the same 3 points (arguments) and develop those below.

Argument 1:

Article Title:

**Argument 1 (complete sentence):
& Write 5-6 supporting details for Argument 1**

Argument 2:

Article Title:

**Argument 2: (complete sentence):
& Write 5-6 supporting details for Argument 2**

Argument 3:

Article Title:

**Argument 3: (complete sentence):
& Write 5-6 supporting details for Argument 3**

Counter Argument:

Now, you need to find one article that talks about the opposite sides of your argument. This is the "Counter Argument." Write the **citation** of your "Counter Argument" article and a **summary** of the Counter Argument that you want to use. Remember, this is the other side of the argument:

Counter Argument:

Counter Argument Article Title:

Counter Argument Summary: 2-3 supporting details

Refutation or Rebuttal: In the same paragraph as your Counter Argument, you will write a Refutation or Rebuttal, in which you re-emphasize your initial arguments from your thesis.

Refutation / Rebuttal to the Counter Argument:
Write 2-3 supporting details

Now, you can brainstorm your **Introduction**'s hook and refine your connecting information. End with your direct thesis (It does not hurt to repeat it here):

Introduction

Brainstorm ideas for your **Conclusion.**

Works Cited Page - This page will include a list of the sources that you used for your research: authors, titles, years of publication, etc.