

Outline for Persuasive Essay

Green means you can copy it word for word... :)

I. Introductory Paragraph

A. Great first sentence

1. Are you going to start with a question, a fact, a bold statement? How are you going to draw your audience in?
2. Who is your audience? In other words, who cares?

B. State your opinion

C. State the three strongest reasons

1. First, _____ has lots of fresh, clean drinking water.
2. Second, _____ has a great economy based on _____
3. Third, _____ is a great place to live because _____

II. Body

A. Paragraph 2: Water... and other natural resources

1. Write one sentence summarizing the availability of clean water in the state.
2. Use one quotation from an expert to prove your statement.
 - a) Use the expert's name
 - b) Use a dependent clause to say how that person is an expert
 - c) Did you put commas around the dependent clause?
 - d) Did you put quotation marks around what the expert said?
3. Write one sentence to elaborate on what the expert said.
4. Write one sentence about a natural resource in the state.
5. Re-state your opinion
 - a) Therefore, _____ is a great state to live in.

B. Paragraph 3: Economy

1. Write one sentence that summarizes the economy of the state.
2. Write one sentence that says why that makes the state a great place to live.
3. Write one sentence about the housing markets versus the job markets.
4. Use one quotation from an expert (about housing or jobs).
 - a) Use the expert's name
 - b) Use a dependent clause to say how that person is an expert
 - c) Did you put commas around the dependent clause?
 - d) Did you put quotation marks around what the expert said?
5. Write one sentence to elaborate on what the expert said.
6. Re-state your opinion
 - a) Therefore, _____ is a great state to live in.

C. Paragraph 4: Other Features

1. Write one sentence that tells something else great about the state.
2. Elaborate on that.
3. Give an example.
4. Re-state your opinion
 - a) Therefore, _____ is a great state to live in.

III. Conclusion

- A. Re-state your opinion
- B. State the three strongest reasons
- C. End with a Mic-Drop or call to Action

IV. Editing

- A. Look at your paper: Does it look easy to read? Does it look professional?
- B. Look at your font: Does it convey the image you want for your audience?
- C. Do you have any good graphics that help your reader love it?
- D. Do you have bold headings or any other text features that make reading easier?
- E. Did you compliment your reader anywhere?
 - 1. Any intelligent person can see that...
 - 2. Beautiful people spend time in the museums...
 - 3. Charitable people enjoy...