

Argumentative Paragraph Template (2 pages)

N.B.: This template is only a guide. Note that an argument may require, depending on its progression, explanations of more than two quotations in order to be adequately supported. An argument does not have to be one paragraph in length. At the senior level, it is important for students to consider developing arguments of more than one paragraph. If your argument is more than a page and a half long, break it up into at least two paragraphs. Ensure that you conclude each paragraph properly and use suitable transitions, topic sentences and expansions.

STEP 1 (topic sentence, 1 sentence): _____

STEP 2 (expansion, 1–3 sentences): _____

STEP 3 (example #1, context + lead-in + quotation, 1 – 2 sentences): _____

STEP 4 (explanation of quotation, 2 – 4 sentences): _____

STEP 5 (transition and example #2, context + lead-in + quotation, 1–2 sentences): _____

STEP 6 (explanation of quotation, 2 – 4 sentences): _____

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STEP 7 (closing sentence, 1 sentence): _____
