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**Argumentative Essay Outline College**

### **1. Introduction**

* **Hook**: Start with a compelling statement, question, or quote to grab the reader’s attention.
* **Background Information**: Provide a brief context or history of the topic to set the stage for your argument.
* **Thesis Statement**: Clearly state your position on the topic, outlining the main points that you will discuss.

### **2. Body Paragraphs**

* **Paragraph 1**:
  + **Topic Sentence**: Introduce the first main point supporting your thesis.
  + **Evidence and Analysis**: Provide evidence (quotes, statistics, case studies) to support your point and explain how it backs your thesis.
  + **Counterargument and Rebuttal**: Address a potential counterargument to this point and refute it, strengthening your position.
* **Paragraph 2**:
  + **Topic Sentence**: Introduce the second main point.
  + **Evidence and Analysis**: Supply supporting evidence and detail how it supports your thesis.
  + **Counterargument and Rebuttal**: Discuss another counterargument and provide a rebuttal.
* **Paragraph 3**:
  + **Topic Sentence**: Introduce the third main point.
  + **Evidence and Analysis**: Present evidence and analysis.
  + **Counterargument and Rebuttal**: Counter and refute another opposing view.

### **3. Additional Body Paragraphs (if necessary)**

* Follow the same structure as previous paragraphs to address more points.

### **4. Conclusion**

* **Summary of Main Points**: Briefly recap the main points you have made in your body paragraphs.
* **Restatement of Thesis**: Restate your thesis in a new way, reinforcing your argument.
* **Call to Action or Closing Thought**: End with a call to action or a thoughtful concluding remark to leave a lasting impression on the reader.

### **5. References**

* List all the sources cited in your essay in the appropriate format (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.).