**Topics and Organization of Argumentative Essay**



**Possible Topics for Argumentative Writing:**

* Students dropping out of school
* Gender pay gap
* Reimburse people for suffering
* Lower teenage age requirement to work
* Reduce length of school day
* Free lunch for all students

**Organizing your essay:**

**Introduction**

* Hook- attention grabber
* Background Information- describe the topic
* Reasons- present your ideas or reasons
* Thesis statement/claim- write your thesis as your last sentence of your paragraph

**Body Paragraphs (Two reasons- Two paragraphs)**

*Transition words for body paragraphs: Firstly, The first reason is…, One reason is…, Secondly, Another reason is…, Additionally…, In addition…, Moreover…, Furthermore…*

* Topic sentence
* Supporting evidence (from research)
* Explanation

**Counterargument/Rebuttal-**

*Transition words for counterargument: Many argue that…, It is often argued that…, Opposing views claim that…, It is understood that…*

* Topic sentence (rebuttal)- acknowledge validation point of the opposing argument
* Supporting evidence (from research)
* Explanation

**Conclusion**

*Transition words for the conclusion: Thus…, Therefore…, As a result…, In conclusion…To sum it all…*

* Restate thesis
* Review main points (reasons)
* Leave the reader thinking