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Prewriting Sheet for PERSUASIVE RESEARCH Paper

Adapted from

[Http://depts.gallaudet.edu/EnglishWorks/writing/fiveparagraph.html](http://depts.gallaudet.edu/EnglishWorks/writing/fiveparagraph.html)

Essay Title (your issue and your stand on the issue:

I. **Introduction** (3 sent MIN)

- A. **Introductory statement / GRAB ATTENTION – (LIT and COMP avoid a question. Use another form of catch attention.) You may also provide a brief 1-2 sentence summary of the ISSUE to set the scene.**

- B. **Thesis statement/Preview statement: Be sure to provide a CLEAR STATEMENT THAT SHOWS YOUR STANCE. (ex. Clearly, the death penalty should be enforced in extreme cases OR Consequently, we need to ban cell phone use in cars.)**

II. **Body** (body paragraphs should be AT LEAST 6-7 sent but it **can be much longer**)

BODY PARAGRAPH #1: This paragraph will include the bulk of your facts and research that supports your stance on the issue. This is a RESEARCH unit so you need to use MULTIPLE RELIABLE sources that have good stats, facts, etc.

(TOPIC Sentence) –

BEFORE going into specifics you need a GENERAL TOPIC SENTENCE. Do NOT write this paragraph will be about OR I will

write about. Etc. Instead, jump right in w/ a comment

Now back up your general statement (cell phones should be banned in cars, college athletes should not be paid, etc. using specific facts and stats from your RESEARCH.)

Remember to use transitions like In fact, For example, In addition, Furthermore, Finally, etc. throughout the paper

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. BODY PARAGRAPH #2 NOW you need to overcome objections. Think of the reasons why people may disagree with you. You need to state their objections and overcome them. You are NOT showing both sides of the issue. Instead, you should remain strong on your stance.

BEFORE addressing specific objections have a GENERAL TOPIC SENTENCE that acknowledges that this is a controversial issue but although opinions vary, the stand you are taking is correct. (Ex: Although many people have concerns about the death penalty, it is a necessary punishment for our most violent criminals.)

General Topic

Sentence: _____

Now see the handout

1. _____

2. _____

III. **Conclusion** (3 sent min)

A. **Closing statement** - a lot like your intro – you can take a 1-2 sent to sum up the story itself as well as to touch on the main pts of the paper

B. **Restate thesis:**

_____ **(Do NOT provide new info in the concl. and be sure to touch on your two main points (the lit elements). However, avoid a simple list weave the main points into the conclusion. Do not provide specific examples in the INTRO or CONCL – save those for the body.**

CAREFULLY review THESE GUIDELINES and Check the project sheet for additional requirements and guidelines. Also you will ADD more info (transitions, explanations, etc.) in your final paper.

Intros can be shorter than body paragraphs – 3 sentences minimum

Body Paragraphs – are longer generally at LEAST 6-7 sentences

Total length 1 ½ page MINIMUM / Eng 10 2 pgs min Lit and Comp

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