# Thesis Statement Examples

### #1 Why Vaccinations Should Be Mandatory
Today, nearly 40% of American parents refuse to vaccinate their children due to a variety of unfounded fears. Vaccinations against diseases such as polio, rubella, and mumps, should be mandatory, without exception, for all children of the United States who wish to attend school, because these vaccinations are critical to the control and eradication of deadly infectious diseases.

### #2 Government Surveillance Is Harmful
Government surveillance programs do more harm than good because they invade civil liberties, lead innocent people to suffer unfair punishments, and ultimately fail to protect the citizens that they are designed to safeguard. For these reasons, programs such as PRISM operated by the NSA should be discontinued.

### #3 Financial Compensation for Organ Donors
People who sign up for organ donation freely give their hearts and other organs, but this free system limits the number of available donors and makes it difficult for recipients to access lifesaving transplants. Thus, organ donors should be financially compensated to produce more available organs and, at the same time, to decrease profitable, illegal organ harvesting activities within the black market.

### #4 Our School Is Too Dependent on Technology
Our school’s dependence on technology has caused students to lose the ability to think independently, which has caused a greater prevalence of mood disorders, memory loss, and loneliness. Because of the increase of dependency on technology in teens, educators should combat these issues by requiring students to participate in regular technology detoxes.

### #5 School Officials’ Should Fight Cyberbullying
Bullying has extended far beyond school and into cyberspace, even though these acts of aggression take place outside of school boundaries, school officials should have the authority to discipline students who engage in cyberbullying without fear of reprisal. By improving the online behavior of students through the implementation of character classes at school, it will decrease the number incidences of cyberbully-related suicide attempts.

### #6 The U.S. Media Should Update the Depiction of Traditional Families
The United States media depicts the traditional family as being comprised of a mother, father, and children; however, this notion of the traditional family is outdated and can be harmful to children who look to this as the gold standard. Therefore, there is a great need to expand and redefine the definition of the traditional American family to include divorced and remarried parents, extended families living together, and families with same-gender parents in order to increase the overall sense of happiness and well-being among children whose families do not fit the antiquated mold.

### #7 Student Loans Should Be Forgiven
Crippling student debt is stifling the growth of the United States economy because it inhibits graduates from being able to spend money on consumer goods and home purchases. To alleviate this obstacle, lenders should be required to forgive student loans in cases where students are unable to repay their debts, because it would aid in the growth of our economy by increasing tax revenues, unfreezing credit markets, and creating jobs.

### #8 Foreign Aid to Africa Does Not Work
Sending foreign aid to African countries is doing more harm than good, and it should be discontinued, because this practice has caused African countries to become vulnerable to inflation, currency fluctuations, corruption, and civil unrest.
WRITING AN ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

Draw the ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY outline below:

SECTION 1: YOUR INTRODUCTION

Your introduction is where you ________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________. It is made up of a ______________________________________
__________________________________________.

1. Your **HOOK** _____________________________________________.

2. **Background information** is _______________________________________.


Here are my guiding questions that I need to ask myself:

~ What
~ Who
~ Where
~ Why

3. **THESIS STATEMENT:** It is typically __________________________________________
________________. This is where you __________________________________________
__________________________.

**SECTION 2: DEVELOPING YOUR ARGUMENT**

Developing your argument once you have __________________________________________
__________________________, it’s time to __________________________________________
__________________________.

~ each claim should ____________________________________________.
~ what matters is ____________________________________________.

1. **What is a CLAIM?** A claim is ____________________________________________
__________________________.

*I’ve made my claim, but ____________________________________________

? This is ____________________________________________ play.

2. **What is EVIDENCE?** For each claim you make, you __________________________________________
______. Evidence is ____________________________________________
__________________________. It is not ____________________________________________
__________________________.

* the key thing is you need enough ____________________________________________ to make your ____________________________________________ believable.
SECTION 3: REFUTING OPPONENTS’ ARGUMENT
* you state ____________________________ and then ____________________________.

* this is where you set the ____________________________ that is full of ___________ and will ____________________________.

SECTION 4: CONCLUSION
* In your conclusion, you ____________________________:

1.

2.

** Closing with a ____________________________

__________________________________________

ADDITIONAL NOTES, IDEAS, or QUESTIONS:
Writing an Argumentative Essay

Use the Right Words to Argue Well

The purpose of an argumentative essay is to sway readers to recognize your viewpoint as valid.

To accomplish this, you need to use the right words.

Nouns for those in favor of:
- Proponents
- Advocates
- Backers
- Defenders
- Supporters

Effective arguments use effective vocabulary.

Nouns for those against:
- Opponents
- Challengers
- Contenders
- Critics
- Rivals

Stupendous Pro-Argument Verbs
- Alleges
- Argue
- Assert
- Claim
- Contend
- Insist
- Reason
- Say
- Show
- State
- Suggest

Awesome Counter-Argument Verbs
- Challenge
- Deny
- Dispute
- Doubt
- Question
- Refute
- Reject

Don’t
- Don’t write "they" without defining who “they” are.
- Don’t write “many people” without defining who “many people” are.

Use strong action verbs and specific nouns.

Some Example Sentences

⭐ Proponents of the Earl Grey laws argue in favor of banning Starbucks coffee in the United States.

⭐ Dr. K asserts that Starbucks should be closed down because "the coffee Americans drink at breakfast disturbs their sleep and makes them less productive."

⭐ Opponents of the Earl Grey laws deny that banning Starbucks would prevent Americans from drinking coffee.

⭐ Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz challenges the law saying, “Starbucks has a meaningful relationship with people that is not only about the coffee.”

Statistics and Numbers Speak Louder than Words!

80% of Americans drink caffeine!

12,973 Starbucks Stores in the U.S!

Incorporate hard numbers and statistics into your essay to support your argument.

Keep Yourself Out Of It

- Do write in the third person
- Do cite experts
- Do include evidence

- Don’t write "I" or "me"
- Don’t insert opinion without facts
- Don’t write "I think" or "I believe"

The truth is, readers don’t care about what you think...

An argumentative essay looks at both sides of an issue and refutes opponents’ views.

An argumentative essay takes a firm stance on a topic. This stance is outlined in the thesis.

An argumentative essay addresses an issue that is interesting and debatable.