**Write an Argument Essay**

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| **R.A.F.T.S.** |
| **Role-**  **Audience-**  **Format-**  **Topic-**  **Strong verb -** |
| **Step 1: DECIDE WHAT YOU THINK** |
| **Check the box next to the point of view you will support in your essay.**   * ***Teacher inserts a view point that it is in support of…*** * ***Teacher inserts a view point that it is not in support of…*** |
| Step 2: WRITE YOUR HOOK |
| The very beginning of your essay is called the hook because it “hooks” your readers’ attention. The hook **should relate to the topic of the essay**, but it can take many forms. It can be one of the following:   1. Anecdote: A VERY SHORT story. 2. Surprising Fact: Find a fact that will raise your readers’ eyebrows. 3. Rhetorical Question: A question you do not expect an answer to.   Your hook: |
| Step 3: WRITE YOUR SUPPORT |
| List three points that support your opinion.  1.  2.  3. |
| Step 4: WRITE YOUR TOPIC SENTENCES |
| Turn your three points into topic sentences (opinions).  1.  2.  3. |
| **Step 5: ACKNOWLEDGE THE OTHER SIDE** *THINK…Why would some disagree with you?* |
| Reasons they would disagree with:  Point 1 –  Point 2 –  Point 3 – |
| **Step 6: WRITE YOUR THESIS** |
| The thesis is where you tell readers what the essay is going to be about. The thesis should be a clear, strong statement of the opinion you stated in STEP 1. The rest of your essay should support your thesis. Remember the formula: **Occasion + Thesis** (*occasion*: reason paper has been written… **Start with although or because**) + (*thesis*: opinion paper is intended to support; it must be arguable, have proof, be obvious to readers {Why would anyone want to prove it}, have “show and tell” support.  Occasion (reason for addressing the argument):  **+**  Thesis (opinion your paper will support):  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Your Complete Thesis Statement:** |
| Step 7: SUMMARIZE THE ISSUE |
| Let readers know a little about the issue you will be writing about. This is not your opinion; it’s a very brief summary of the issue.  Your summary of the issue –  1.  2. |
| Step 7: START WRITING |
| Now that you have the key ingredients for your essay, you are ready to start writing your rough-draft. Have a peer proofread the rough draft of your essay before your type your final draft. |