

I can: Apply the necessary steps in order to draft an effective argumentative essay

### **Argumentative Essay Format**

#### **Paragraph 1:**

A: Topic Sentence/General Statement

1. Quote
2. Introduction of Topic

B: Two to three sentences of historical background information related to your topic

C: Thesis Statement (Last sentence of paragraph)

1. One central theme listing three reasons

i.e. Muhammad Ali was the greatest fighter of his time due to his speed, strength and intelligence.

#### **Paragraph 2:**

A: First Body Paragraph

B: Details first reason in your thesis statement (i.e. speed)

#### **Paragraph 3:**

A: Second body paragraph

B: Details second reason in your thesis statement (i.e. strength)

#### **Paragraph 4:**

A: Third body paragraph

B; Details third reason in your thesis statement (i.e. intelligence)

#### **Paragraph 5:**

A: Conclusion paragraph

B. First Sentence - Restate your thesis statement in different words.

i.e. Muhammad Ali dominated his time because of his quickness, power and ring savvy.

C: Second sentence summarizes the first body paragraph

D: Third sentence summarizes the second body paragraph

E: Fourth sentence summarized the third body paragraph

F: Fifth sentence summarizes the entire essay/argument with a universal statement.

i.e. - Muhammad Ali's career shows us it takes a combination of both physical and mental gifts in order to excel in professional sports.