

**Brainstorm for Persuasive Essay with counterargument**

**TOPIC OR PROBLEM:** What do you want the reader to believe?

Start here:

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**COUNTERARGUMENT:** Why might someone disagree with you?

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**SOLUTION OR COMPROMISE:** What is your solution to the problem?

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✓ **Write three supporting reasons that would convince the reader to agree with your position (in order of importance).**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Reason:**

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Supporting evidence or fact

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Reason:**

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Supporting evidence or fact

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Reason:**

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Supporting evidence or fact

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**Notes:**

✓ **Thesis Statement** - *Write a complete sentence*

**Topic Sentence:** Write a proposal. What do you want the reader to believe?

Start here: *For various reasons I believe...*

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**Counterargument:** Write one sentence telling why someone might disagree with you.

Start here: *Some people may disagree because...*

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✓ **Give three supporting reasons that would convince the reader to agree with your position** - *Write complete sentences*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reason**

Start here: *However, I believe...*

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Reason**

Start here: *Also,*

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Reason** \*This should be the most important reason.

Start here: *Finally, the most important reason is...*

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✓ **Conclusion** - *Write a complete sentence*

**Summary Statement:** Restate the topic.

Start here: *Consequently, I will argue...*

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NOTES:

✓ **Topic Sentence** -Write a complete sentence

**Topic Sentence: What is the 1<sup>st</sup> reason for your topic?**

Start here: *First,*

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✓ **Give two facts or evidence that supports your first reason**

**\*Give a real life experience or an explanation for your second fact or evidence below**

**-Write complete sentences**

**1. Write a fact or give evidence that supports this first reason.**

Start here: *In fact,*

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**2. Write another fact or give evidence that supports this first reason.**

*\*This needs to be your most powerful detail.*

Start here: *Also,*

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**Give an example for the second fact/evidence.**

*\*This could be a real life experience or an explanation that would clarify your fact/evidence.*

Start here: *For example,*

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✓ **Conclusion** -Write a complete sentence

**Concluding sentence: Restate the topic sentence.**

Start here: *Therefore,*

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**NOTES:**

✓ **Topic Sentence** -Write a complete sentence

**Topic Sentence: What is the 2nd reason for your topic?**  
Start here: *Second,*  
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✓ **Give two facts or evidence that supports your second reason**

**\*Give a real life experience or an explanation for your second fact or evidence below**  
**-Write complete sentences**

**1. Write a fact or give evidence that supports this second reason.**  
Start here: *In fact,*  
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**2. Write another fact or give evidence that supports this second reason.**  
**\*This needs to be your most powerful detail.**  
Start here: *In addition,*  
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**Give an example for the second fact/evidence.**  
**\*This could be a real life experience or an explanation that would clarify your fact/evidence.**  
Start here: *For instance,*  
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✓ **Conclusion** -Write a complete sentence

**Concluding sentence: Restate the topic sentence.**  
Start here: *So,*  
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NOTES:

✓ **Topic Sentence** -*Write a complete sentence*

**Topic Sentence: What is the 3<sup>rd</sup> reason (the most important) for your topic?**  
Start here: *Third,*  
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✓ **Give two facts or evidence that supports your third reason**

**\*Give a real life experience or an explanation for your third fact or evidence below**

**-Write complete sentences**

**1. Write a fact or give evidence that supports this third reason.**  
Start here: *Actually,*  
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**2. Write another fact or give evidence that supports this third reason.**  
**\*This needs to be your most powerful detail.**  
Start here: *Furthermore,*  
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**Give an example for the third fact/evidence.**  
**\*This could be a real life experience or an explanation that would clarify your fact/evidence.**  
Start here: *For example,*  
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✓ **Conclusion** -*Write a complete sentence*

**Concluding sentence: Restate the topic sentence.**  
Start here: *Therefore,*  
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NOTES:

✓ **Topic Sentence** -*Write a complete sentence*

**Topic Sentence:** Restate your topic.

Start here: *Consequently, I believe...*

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*because...*(List all three reasons)

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✓ **Give an action or solution along with its benefit(s)** -*Write complete sentences*

**What is your solution?**

Start here: *In order to solve this situation, I suggest...*

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**What are the benefits of your solution?**

Start here: *The effect of my solution would be...*

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✓ **Conclusion** -*Write a complete sentence*

**Concluding/Summary statement:** Restate the proposal as a call for action.

Start here: *For these reasons, I conclude...*

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