SEVEN-PART GRAPHIC ORGANIZER FOR COMPOSING AN ARGUMENT

Writing an Argumentative Essay	
Question:	
Part 1: Take a Position	
State your position. My current position is:	State what you think might be positions that conflict with yours. I think the position of others might be:
Part 2: Support Your Position	
These points support my position. (Identify at least three. Use multiple sources and types of sources.) • • •	These are the sources that support my position. • • •
Part 3: Present Counter-Perspectives	
Counter-perspectives are positions or views that differ from yours. (Include at least two counter-perspectives.) • •	I found support for these counter-perspectives in these resources. (Match each counter-perspective with its resource.) • •
Part 4: Write Your Thesis Statement	
This is the part of your essay where you explain to readers what your essay is going to talk about. This is your thesis. Your thesis is the statement that shares your position. It should be the one you identified as your position in Part 1.	
Part 5: Craft Your Hook	
Now add a hook that gets the attention of your readers and makes them want to read your essay. Your hook should connect to your thesis statement.	
Part 6: Reflect on the Issue, Your Position, and Possible Other Positions	
Think again about the issue you are addressing. Now refer back to Parts 1 and 3 to summarize your position and also the counter-perspectives. Once you've finished, it's time to write your argumentative essay.	
Part 7: Writing Your Essay Now it's time to write your essay. You can use the ideas you compiled in Parts 1–6 of this organizer to write your essay. **Paragraph 1—Introduction** Your first paragraph should begin with the hook you wrote in Part 5. Next, connect your hook to the initial question. Now look at Part 6, and use this summary of information to show all sides of the issue identified in the question. Finally, add your thesis statement from Part 4. **Body Paragraphs (2–4)** The supports you identified in Part 2 should now be added as the next paragraphs in your essay. Each support for your position should be shared as a paragraph that also includes its documentation. After discussing all of your supports, add at least one position that does not agree with yours. Remember to also add the support for this counter-perspective. This counter-perspective should also be a paragraph. **Conclusion** Now write a concluding paragraph. This paragraph should restate your main points and then end with another sentence that is as strong as your hook. Quotes work well in conclusions because they inspire your readers to keep thinking about the issue identified in the question.	

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