Organization Planning Sheet
Persuasive Research Paper

Research Question:

Audience:

Community/Stakeholders connected to Issue:

Personal connection to your topic (Why are you writing this essay?)

Problem

Solution:

Part I: Introduction

Context for Argument/Thesis/Claim

Supporting Reasons For Argument:

Reason #1.

Reason # 2.

Reason #3.

Claim/Thesis Statement:

Part II: Discussion of Reason #1

a. **Topic Sentence**:

b. **Restatement of claim and reason #1 (in different terms than above)**

c. Evidence backing up Reason #1 (statistic, expert opinion, anecdote, observation, etc.)
Write your quote and citation here:

Explain why the evidence above is relevant. Why is this piece of evidence important to backing up your reason? (Should be at least 2-3 sentences more textual space than the evidence itself)

Explain why this evidence should be important to your audience. Remember -- your audience disagrees with you!

(REPEAT EVIDENCE 2X)

d. Opposing Views: Who are the people/what are the arguments that might disagree with your reasoning/examples, and how will you refute them?

Part III: Discussion of Reason #2

a. **Topic Sentence**:

b. **Restatement of claim and reason #2 (in different terms than above)**

c. Evidence backing up Reason #2 (statistic, expert opinion, anecdote, observation, etc.)
Write your quote and citation here:

Explain why the evidence above is relevant. Why is this piece of evidence important to backing up your reason? (Should be at least 2-3 sentences more textual space than the evidence itself)

Explain why this evidence should be important to your audience. Remember -- your audience disagrees with you!

(REPEAT EVIDENCE 2X)

d. Opposing Views: Who are the people/what are the arguments that might disagree with your reasoning/examples, and how will you refute them?

Part IV: Discussion of Reason #3

a. Topic Sentence:

b. Restatement of claim and reason #3 (in different terms than above)

c. Evidence backing up Reason #3 (statistic, expert opinion, anecdote, observation, etc.)
Write your quote and citation here:

Explain why the evidence above is relevant. Why is this piece of evidence important to backing up your reason? (Should be at least 2-3 sentences more textual space than the evidence itself)

Explain why this evidence should be important to your audience. Remember -- your audience disagrees with you!

(REPEAT EVIDENCE 2X)

d. Opposing Views: Who are the people/what are the arguments that might disagree with your reasoning/examples, and how will you refute them?

Part V: Conclusion

Topic Sentence:

Restate the importance of your claim/thesis. CONNECT YOUR CLAIM TO ITS IMPORTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDERS YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED. Is it possible to return to your personal connection here? If so, how would you relate your personal connection to the topic in light of the previous discussion?

Summarize discussion of reason #1

Summarize discussion of reason #2

Summarize discussion of reason #3

Summarize refutation of opposing viewpoints

Concluding sentence(s): LEAVE US WITH A POWERFUL REMINDER OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR TOPIC AND WHY YOUR PROPOSED SOLUTION IS THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION.