

Argumentative Essay Organizer

This organizer needs to be completed and approved by your teacher before you can begin your final draft. Remember your final paper is due on Friday March 13, 2015 by midnight to turnitin.com.

Introduction (your first few sentences should catch the reader's attention):

Police are supposed to serve and protect, but what happens when that protection exceeds human limits?

Bridge (Connection from introduction to thesis- you need something to tie the two fluently together)

The public, in New York, as well as across the Nation, watched in horrification as police crossed the line with a banned choke hold that ended in loss of life. The necessity of restraint was taken too far in the case of Eric Garner by a New York police officer, and someone should be held responsible for this action of gross negligence.

Thesis Statement (state your position)

The police are expected to serve and protect as well as uphold the trust that is awarded to them based on their station and violation of this protection or trust should result in accountability.

First support for your claim

Your reason + support

Police have a duty to protect and not abuse their power by perpetrating harm.

Possible Quote from your original or supplemental article:

Analysis of Quote: (Don't end or begin your paragraph with a quote- apply a lead)

Second support from your claim

Your reason + support

Trust is a fundamental aspect of a police officer's job description.

Possible Quote from your original or supplemental article:

Analysis of Quote: (Don't end or begin your paragraph with a quote- apply a lead)

Counter Claim

Lead in

Critics might believe that

Opposing Side

Excessive force is warranted in some cases to protect the public.

Possible Quote from your original or supplemental article:

Analysis of Quote: (Don't end or begin your paragraph with a quote- apply a lead)

Reply Argument: (This could be its own paragraph or connected to the counter depending your evidence)

Conclusion (summarize your paper in a few sentences...not merely a restatement of the thesis)

- This is just a suggested outline...you can format your paper in any logical structure as long as you systematically include all of the above criteria.
- Make sure this is in MLA format.
- Make sure that you have in text citations.
- You can counter all of the examples, but you are only required to counter one.