**Persuasive Essay Organizer**When writing a persuasive argument, always defend OR challenge AND qualify—sophisticated arguments do this. Record the prompt below and takes notes to organize your essay in the boxes provided. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Attention-grabbing opening/hook:** | **PARAGRAPH #1: Introduction**  **Description of issue:**  (Show both sides without taking a side.  *Some argue… while others believe…)* | **Opinion statement (claim/thesis):** (At the end of paragraph 1) |
| **PARAGRAPH #2: Body**  ***Include qualifiers!***  **Reason #1:**    **Evidence to support:**  (Details and examples) | **PARAGRAPH #3: Body**  **Reason #2:**    **Evidence to support:**  (Details and examples) | **PARAGRAPH #4: Body**  **Counter Argument**  (“Some might argue…”):  **Rebuttal/refutation:** |
| **Restate opinion/claim:** | **PARAGRAPH #5: Conclusion**  **Summarize your three reasons:** | **Call to action or closing statement:**  *(This could include a question, a prediction, a warning, or a connection back to the opening statement…)* |