**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…)* |