**ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY- ELA**

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| **INTRODUCTION (FIRST) PARAGRAPH TOPIC: (write your topic in a few words here).**  **(OPTIONAL: Write HOOK HERE as the first sentence\*\*)**  **I have just read (3)**  **texts that gave me information about**  **(write your topic in a few words here). I believe that** **we should/should not (write your claim here). Some other people say we should/should not**  **(write the opposing claim here)**, **but I do not agree. They are wrong because most of the evidence supports this.**  **Using information from three of these texts:** (**write the name of “Text #1” here)** **by** (**write the name of author #1 here)**, (**write the name of “Text #1” here)** **by** (**write the name of author #1 here)**, (**write the name of “Text #2” here)** **by** (**write the name of author #2 here)**, **and** “**:** (**write the name of “Text #3” here)** **by** (**write the name of author #3 here)**, **I will prove my point.** |

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| **OPPOSING SIDE (SECOND) PARAGRAPH TOPIC: (write your topic in a few words here).**    **Some other people believe that we should/should not**  **(write the OPPOSITE claim here)**.  **In the text it states,** “**(COPY a quote from any of the 3 texts that supports the OPPOSITE claim here)**.”  **(Text #\_\_\_, Line # \_\_\_).**  **This shows/means that (explain what the above quote means IN YOUR OWN WORDS here)**.  **While this/these are/is a valid point/s, it does not take into consideration two reasons:**  **(write the REBUTTAL to the opposite claim here {reason #1 that goes AGAINST the OPPOSITE claim here. This is YOUR SIDE again})** **and (write another REBUTTAL to the opposite claim here {reason #2 that goes AGAINST the OPPOSITE claim here. This is YOUR SIDE again})** |

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| **YOUR CLAIM (THIRD) PARAGRAPH TOPIC: (write your topic in a few words here).**    **I believe that** **we should/should not**  **(write your claim here).**  **One reason to support this side is (summarize the FIRST reason that supports YOUR claim here IN YOUR OWN WORDS)**.  **In the text it states, “(COPY a quote from any of the 3 texts that supports YOUR above claim here)**.”    **(Text #\_\_\_, Line # \_\_\_).**  **This shows/means that (explain what the above quote means IN YOUR OWN WORDS here)**.  **- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -**  **Another reason to support this side is (summarize a SECOND reason that supports YOUR claim here IN YOUR OWN WORDS)**.  **In the text it states,** “**(COPY a quote from ANOTHER of the 3 texts that supports YOUR above claim here)**.”    **(Text #\_\_\_, Line # \_\_\_).**  **This shows/means that (explain what the above quote means IN YOUR OWN WORDS here)**.  **Obviously, these points prove that** **(write your claim again here {restate it}).** |

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| **CONCLUSION (LAST) PARAGRAPH TOPIC: (write your topic in a few words here).**  **In conclusion, there’s a debate right now about whether or not (write your topic here)**  **However, it is obvious that we should/should not** **(write your claim here), as most of the evidence that I**  **just presented supports this. In the future, I hope (write what you want to happen in the future with**  **this topic here).** |

**KEY:**

**YELLOW: Lines that state YOUR CLAIM**

**GREEN: Lines that state that OPPOSITE CLAIM**

**BLUE/(PURPLE): What can be COPIED from the texts you read (USE QUOTATION MARKS!)**

**ORANGE/RED/PINK: What you MUST write in your own words to explain**