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**English 110**

**Argumentative Essay**

**Pre-Writing and Outline Organizer**

First, write a working thesis for your paper. State your position (claim) as a statement, not a question:

Thesis: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| BRAINSTORM - Jot down ANYTHING you can think of to do with the topic. You can write a list or draw a mind map of your ideas: |

Next, begin to organize your ideas into reasons FOR and reasons AGAINST: (You might want to indicate links for future reference)

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| Arguments FOR:  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. | Arguments AGAINST:  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. |

Next, start to organize and get specific details written:

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| Arguments FOR:  1. | Reasons and Evidence:  A.  B.  C. |
| 2. | A.  B.  C. |
| 3. | A.  B.  C. |
| 4. | A.  B.  C. |
| 5. | A.  B.  C. |

Arguments Against your Position:

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| Arguments AGAINST:  1. | Reasons and Evidence:  A.  B.  C. |
| 2. | A.  B.  C. |
| 3. | A.  B.  C. |
| 4. | A.  B.  C. |
| 5. | A.  B.  C. |