Persuasive Essay Worksheet

1. Understanding Your Topic

- What is the topic of your essay?
- What are the multiple perspectives on this topic?
- Why is this topic important?

2. Developing Your Thesis Statement

- What is your position on the topic?
- What is the main argument you will present?
- How will you summarize your argument in one sentence?

3. Structuring Your Essay

Introduction:

- How will you hook your reader? (e.g., a quote, question, or fact)
- What background information is necessary?
- What is your thesis statement?

Body Paragraphs:

- What are your main arguments?
- What evidence supports each argument?
- How does this evidence support your thesis?

Counterarguments:

- What are the opposing viewpoints?
- How will you refute them?

Conclusion:

- How will you summarize your main points?
- How will you restate your thesis?
- What is your call to action for the reader?

4. Revising and Editing

- Have you checked for clarity, grammar, and punctuation errors?
- Have you ensured your arguments are logical and well-supported?
- Have you considered feedback from others?