**ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY OUTLINE**

1. **INTRODUCTION**
2. Lead-In:  Suggested Options to Choose From:

Quotation(s)

Question(s)

Anecdote (from your experience or reading)

Myths ("Most people think that . . . ; but in fact . . .)

Reference to text (e.g., one of the essays)

Statistics, Quick Background to Issue

B.        Thesis - YOUR position on the controversy

1. **BODY**

A.        --Definitions, Background Information (e.g., e.g., for a paper on day-labor centers: what is a day-labor center, where did this practice start, how long has this practice been in existence); not too much of this, just enough so that the reader has a clear understanding of the issue);

--This is also a place for you to lay out any implicit values that need to be made explicit and defended: e.g., all workers, whatever their legal status, need to have their rights protected; or, the government should only be protecting the rights of citizens and legal immigrants)

B.        Acknowledgment of perspective(s) other than your position; succinct summary of opposing position, with good quotes

C.      **Reason #1:**  First Major Sub-Argument or Area of Evidence Supporting Your Position’

(Topic sentence followed by support, including quotes and paraphrases from sources)

D.      **Reason #2:**  Second Major Sub-Argument or Area of Evidence Supporting Your Position (Topic sentence followed by support, including quotes and paraphrases from sources)

E.  **Reason #3:** Third Major Sub-Argument or Area of Evidence Supporting your evidence.

(Topic sentence followed by support, including quotes and paraphrases from sources)

(In ordering your sub-arguments and evidence, think about moving to your strongest argument or piece of evidence; think also of moving from rational appeal to emotional appeal, then culminating in ethical ((values)) appeal)

1. **CONCLUSION**

A.        Recommendations and Conclusions

B.        Restate argument in light of material covered above. Show once and for all how the  evidence lead to the conclusion, the recommended course of action.

1. Lead-out; Suggested Options to choose from:

Look to the future

Return to subject of lead-in and now look to a better future

Excellent final quote