

Prompt:

Format _____ (speech, paper, letter, etc.)

Audience _____

Topic _____

My position _____

My strongest reason for this position _____

What can you talk about to SHOW why this is your position—What do you know? What has been your experience? What have other people told you? What have you seen, heard or read? Try to tell a story or relate a personal example that's really interesting.

Another reason for this position _____

What can you talk about to SHOW why this is your position—What do you know? What has been your experience? What have other people told you? What have you seen, heard or read? Try to tell a story or relate a personal example that's really interesting.

Someone who disagrees with me might argue _____

But I would say to them _____

Introduction

Grab the reader*:

State your thesis clearly:

[Preview your main points]:



Strongest argument

State your first reason clearly*:

Give a personal example, tell a story, or provide detailed evidence to SHOW why you think what you think:

Explain how your example PROVES your point [that you stated in your thesis]:



Another argument

State your second reason clearly*:

Give a personal example, tell a story, or provide detailed evidence to SHOW why you think what you think:

Explain how your example PROVES your point [that you stated in your thesis]:



Conclusion

Bring everything together [summarize, restate what you want to happen, ask your audience to take action, etc.*]:

*You can address what someone who disagrees with you might argue in any one of these places.