## Persuasive Essay Outline for Middle School

## **Introduction**:

- A. Get the readers attention by using a "hook."
- B. Give some background information if necessary.
- C. Thesis or focus statement.
- I. First argument or reason to support your position:
  - A. Topic sentence explaining your point and reason
  - B. Possible concession toward opposing argument
  - C. <u>Elaboration to back your point</u>.
  - D. Clincher
- II. Second argument or reason to support your position:
  - A. Topic sentence explaining your point and reason
  - B. Possible concession toward opposing argument
  - C. <u>Elaboration to back your point</u>.
  - D. Clincher
- III. Third argument or reason to support your position:
  - A. Topic sentence explaining your point and reason
  - B. Possible concession toward opposing argument
  - C. Elaboration to back your point.
  - D. Clincher
- IV. Opposing Viewpoint: (This is optional, however highly recommended, so that the reader will know you have considered another point of view and have a rebuttal to it.)
  - A. Opposing point to your argument.
  - B. Your rebuttal to the opposing point.
  - C. Elaboration to back your rebuttal.

## Conclusion:

- A. Summary of main points or reasons
- B. Restate thesis statement.
- C. Personal comment or a call to action.