Persuasive Essay Outline

1. **Introduction:**
   
   A. Get the reader's attention by using a "hook"
   B. Give some background information
   C. Organizational statement...introduce what lies ahead
   D. Thesis or focus statement

2. **First argument or reason to support your position:**
   
   A. Topic sentence explaining your point
   B. Evidence supporting your point
   C. Elaboration back to your point

3. **Second argument or reason to support your position:**
   
   A. Topic sentence explaining your point
   B. Evidence supporting your point
   C. Elaboration back to your point

4. **Third argument or reason to support your position**
   
   A. Topic sentence explaining your point
   B. Evidence supporting your point
   C. Elaboration back to your point

5. **Opposing Viewpoint:** The reader will know that you have considered another viewpoint...and have a rebuttal to it.
   
   A. Opposing point to your argument
   B. Your rebuttal to the opposing point
   C. Elaboration back to your original point

6. **Conclusion:** (Only place in essay where you may use first person)
   
   A. Summary of main points or reason
   B. Restate the thesis statement
   C. Personal comment / call to action