**Part 2 Argument Essay Template**

Thesis (Counterclaim, Claim) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Body Paragraph 1** (counterclaim - first text)

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| Reasons that Support Counterclaim | Textual Evidence that Supports Counterclaim | Why this reason is WRONG (different information from the Claim) |
| 1) |  |  |
| 2) |  |  |

**Body Paragraph 2** (second text)

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| Reasons that Support Claim | Textual Evidence that Supports Claim | How this proves the Claim |
| 1) |  |  |
| 2) |  |  |

**Body Paragraph 3** (third text)

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| Reasons that Support Claim | Textual Evidence that Supports Claim | How this proves the Claim |
| 1) |  |  |
| 2) |  |  |

**Outline for Writing the Persuasive Essay**

**Introduction**

* General statement about the topic of your essay
* Briefly mention the counterclaim
* Briefly mention the claim
* End with your central idea (thesis = counterclaim, claim)

**Body Paragraph One**

* Focus on counterclaim
* Examples from text 1
* Textual evidence from text 1
* Mention how your counterclaim is not correct – “This thought process is invalid/inaccurate/wrong, etc. because…”

**Body Paragraph Two**

* Focus on claim
* Examples from text 2
* Textual evidence from text 2
* How your examples link to the thesis

**Body Paragraph Three**

* Focus on claim
* Examples from text 3
* Textual evidence from text 3
* How your examples link to the thesis

**Conclusion**

* Reword your thesis
* Recap how the articles proved your thesis
* “So what?”