Model Graphic Organizer for the Argumentative Essay

Proposition (Claim)

Ask the question(s)
Express your viewpoint

Evidence

Support your claim

Main Point 1
Evidence (details)

Main Point 2
Evidence (details)

Main Point 3
Evidence (details)

Refute the objections

Main Point 1
Evidence (details)

Main Point 2
Evidence (details)

Main Point 3
Evidence (details)

Conclusion

1. Affirm your thesis
2. Stress your main ideas
3. Use forceful ideas without being dogmatic
Example: Graphic Organizer for the Argumentative Essay

**Proposition (Claim)**

Would banning of assault weapons reduce crime? The production, sale, and possession of assault weapons for private citizens should be banned in the U.S.

**Evidence**

**Support your claim**

- Barbaric public slaying:
  - Columbine School Shootings
  - University of Virginia incident

**Refute the objections**

- Strict gun control laws won’t affect crime rate:
  - Low murder rate in Britain, Australia (etc., where strict controls are in force.)

- Public opinion:
  - 12% favor ban (Much 92 Timetable News)
  - Organizational endorsements
  - Nat’l Sherriff’s Assoc./Intn’l Assoc. of Police Chiefs

- Statistics:
  - 10,561 murders in 1990 by handguns
  - Study of 131 injured patients’ medical expenses paid by public funds

- Outlaws would still own guns:
  - Any effort to move trend in opposite direction would benefit future generations

**Conclusion**

- Assault weapons are regulated in some states:
  - States must be equally concerned with all 3 phases of “attack” on assault weapons (production-sale-possession) for results to be effective.

- Main Point 3 Evidence (details)