

Persuasive Essay General Outline

- do not use the pronoun “you” anywhere in the essay
- all paragraphs are required to have *five or more* sentences
- refer to the “Perfect Paragraph” foldable in your portfolio

Paragraph 1 || Introduction

Topic: Value Claim (Thesis)

General comment (common knowledge) about the artist (SES 1)

Define the musical genre (SES 2)

One major feature you like about the song; explain why

Transition / Conclusion

Paragraph 2 || Body Paragraph

Topic Sentence: General Commentary about song’s overall subject

Secondary Evidence Sentence (Discuss one of the four literary terms)

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Analyze the above evidence: propose how the elements contribute to the song

Wrap up / Conclude / Transition to next paragraph.

Paragraph 3 || Conclusion

Topic Sentence: Specific Observation—*Personal Evidence*

Review, Interpret Personal Evidence (SES 1)

Explain why your choice is valid (SES 2)

Relate your impression to the wider audience— why should they agree with you?

Wrap up / Conclude