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English

**Argumentative Essay Outline**

**State your opinion at the beginning. List and explain the reasons for your choice. Acknowledge the other side’s arguments (“concession”), then disprove those arguments. Use bullets to complete this outline.**

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| **Intro:**  1. Big Idea  to draw the reader in  2. Provide an overview/background of the issue  3. THESIS: CLEARLY state your position |  | Big Opener:  The topic of Native American mascots has been discussed for many decades in both collegiate and professional sports.  In the article “NA Mascots: Pride….” By Moni Basu, Carol Spindel, professor at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, and author of the book, “Dancing at Halftime,” which explores the issue explains, “This is such an ingrained part of American culture that it’s hard to get people to question it” (2.4).  In his article “NA Mascots…”, analyst Nick DeWitt explains that Native American mascots came to be used as early as the mid-1800’s and are now used for teams like the Washington Redskins, Chicago Blackhawks, Cleveland Indians, and Florida State Seminoles among many others (1.1).  It is controversial because of the history of Native Americans, who were mistreated and removed from their lands to live on reservations with little opportunity or equality.  Thesis: My View: |
| **Body :** Your supporting point #1 (with explanation)   * Include source citation(s) | The primary reason I believe….  The central reason for my argument is… |  |
| **Body :** Your supporting point #2 (with explanation)   * Include source citation(s) | Another key supporting point for my argument involves… |  |
| **Body :** Your supporting point #3 (with explanation)   * Include source citation(s) | The final supporting point for my argument is… |  |
| **Body :** Opposing Viewpoint #1    Explanation of opposing argument (with source citation)  Explanation of why this viewpoint is not valid | Those who oppose my view would claim that…  People who may disagree with my argument claim…  Although I understand X’s viewpoint, I disagree because… |  |
| **Body** : Opposing Viewpoint #2  Explanation of opposing argument (with source citation)  Explanation of why this viewpoint is not valid | Another reason the opposition feels that… |  |
| **Conclusion:** Your persuasive conclusion  I am using:  [ ] ethos (ethics)  [ ] pathos (emotion)  [ ] logos (logic)  Include a “call to action”  (what do you want the reader to do?) | It is my firm belief that… |  |