

Agree or Disagree: Space exploration is a waste of the U.S. Budget

I. Introduction

The purpose of an introduction is to introduce the topic and state your claim. By the end of the introduction, the reader should be able to predict what the rest of the essay will be about.

A. Hook

B. Background Info (2-3 sentences): What does the reader need to know about NASA/the U.S. Budget to really understand your essay? _____

C. Claim: Don't just agree or disagree, state your reasons why.

II. Body Paragraph 1

Explain your first reason here, and include evidence to support your claim.

A. Topic sentence: Transition from the intro paragraph. When I read the topic sentence, I should know what the paragraph is going to be about.

B. Evidence 1: *Good evidence is specific facts, statistics, quotes, etc. Cite your sources!*

Analysis 1: Explain how your evidence relates to your claim/proves your point.

C. Evidence 2: *Good evidence is specific facts, statistics, quotes, etc. Cite your sources!*

Analysis 2: Explain how your evidence relates to your claim/proves your point.

III. Body Paragraph 2

Explain your second reason here, and include evidence to support your claim. Some of you might decide to make this paragraph a counterclaim/rebuttal, which is fine, but not required.

A. Topic sentence: Transition from the first body paragraph. When I read the topic sentence, I should know what the paragraph is going to be about.

B. Evidence 1: *Good evidence is specific facts, statistics, quotes, etc. Cite your sources!*

C. Analysis 1: Explain how your evidence relates to your claim/proves your point.

D. Evidence 2: *Good evidence is specific facts, statistics, quotes, etc. Cite your sources!*

Analysis 2: Explain how your evidence relates to your claim/proves your point.

IV. Concluding paragraph

This is where you should wrap up the paper in a neat little package. Restate your argument in different words, and tie it to a bigger picture.

