

Outline Options for Arguing to Mediate

Introduction and Conclusion

I. Introduction

- a. Hook—Engage audience in issue. For example, describe a real incident relevant to issue, or provide relevant data. Avoid being too extreme in the example.
- b. Define issue—provide a clear and understandable definition for an audience not familiar with the topic. Don't use a dictionary definition, but instead use definition from a source.
- c. Identify major differences—very briefly summarize the major claim of each side. This should be 1-2 sentences.
- d. State mediate claim and reasons—state claim and reasons in several sentences. Your claim is that a compromise or resolution is possible because they have shared values.

V. Conclusion

- a. Restate claim—restate your argument that resolution is possible
- b. “So what?”—explain the positive outcome if sides are willing to work together towards a resolution or if a resolution is achieved.

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Options for Body Sections

II. Side A

- a. Reason and Evidence—Identify major claim and evidence for Side A, citing source.
- b. Reason and Evidence—Identify major claim and evidence for Side A, citing source.
- c. Reason and Evidence—Identify major claim and evidence for Side A, citing source.

III. Side B

- a. Reason and Evidence—Identify major claim and evidence for Side B, citing source.
- b. Reason and Evidence—Identify major claim and evidence for Side B, citing source.
- c. Reason and Evidence—Identify major claim and evidence for Side B, citing source.

II. Difference A

- a. Reason and Evidence—Identify major claim and evidence for Side A, citing source.
- b. Reason and Evidence—Identify major claim and evidence for Side B, citing source.

III. Difference B

- a. Reason and Evidence—Identify major claim and evidence for Side A, citing source.
- b. Reason and Evidence—Identify major claim and evidence for Side B, citing source.

IV. Difference C

- a. Reason and Evidence—Identify major claim and evidence for Side A, citing source.
- b. Reason and Evidence—Identify major claim and evidence for Side B, citing source.

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Options for Possible Resolutions

IV. Shared Values

- a. Shared Value A—Identify shared value, citing sources.
- b. Shared Value B—Identify shared value, citing sources.

V. Possible Resolutions

- a. Possible Resolution A—Identify a possible resolution, based on shared values.
- b. Possible Resolution B—Identify a possible resolution, based on shared values.

IV. Shared Value and Possible Resolution A

- a. Shared Value A—Identify shared value, citing sources.
- b. Resolution A—Identify a possible resolution, based on shared values.

V. Shared Value and Possible Resolution B

- a. Shared Value B—Identify shared value, citing sources.
- b. Resolution B—Identify a possible resolution, based on shared values.