**Argument Essay Outline: (3 Pages)**

1. Introduction
   1. The “Inverted Triangle Method”
      1. Introduce the topic (1-2)
      2. Entertain both sides (1-2)
      3. Establish your **CLAIM** (Use your own words)
2. Body Paragraphs
   1. Body Paragraph 1 = Introduce your **Counterclaim**
      1. “It could be argued…”
         1. Offer one piece of Cited Textual Evidence (Page 86)
         2. Justify this perspective (why it could be this way)
   2. Body Paragraph 2 = Build your argument
      1. Use a transition (“However…” or “On the other hand…”)
         1. The first point to support your Claim
         2. One piece of Cited Textual Evidence (Page 26)
         3. **Explain** how this evidence justifies your argument
   3. Body Paragraph 3 = Continue building your argument
      * 1. The next points to support your Claim
        2. One piece of Cited Textual Evidence (Page 41)
        3. **Explain** how this evidence justifies your argument
   4. Body Paragraph 4 = Finish building your argument
      * 1. The last point to support your Claim
        2. One Piece of Cited Textual Evidence (Page 103)
        3. **Explain** how this evidence strengthens your argument
3. Conclusion
   1. Re-phrase the topic
   2. Re-emphasize your Claim (don’t repeat it)