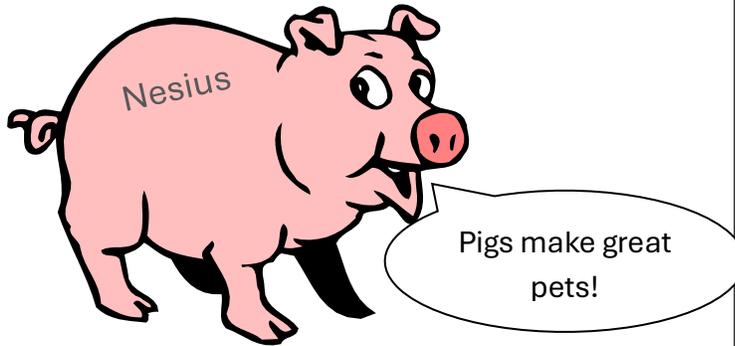


# Persuasive Essay Organizer

with Nestorian Order



Essay Overview
I. Introduction
II. Your second-best Persuasive Reason
III. Your last Persuasive Reason
IV. Refute the Opposition
V. Your BEST Persuasive Reason

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Topic \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Your persuasive topic doesn't have to be "pigs make great pets" to create a winning persuasive essay! Use this outline template to organize your "Nestorian Order" persuasive essay. Persuasive essays written in "Nestorian Order" save the best argument for last so that the reader is left with the strongest possible impression. Don't forget to use statistics, facts, quotes, and anecdotes (brief stories) as supporting details whenever possible!



## I. Introduction Paragraph

A. Attention-grabbing Opening Sentence:

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B. Background Information: Share an interesting fact but don't steal from your body paragraphs.

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C. Thesis Statement (Your opinion stated clearly.) :

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**II. First Body Paragraph:** Write your Second-best argument. (Your BEST reason will come last).

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A. Supporting Detail #1:

B. Your commentary:

C. Supporting Detail #2:

D. Your commentary:

E. Clincher Sentence:



**III. Second Body Paragraph:** Use your least impressive argument.

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A. Supporting Detail #1:

B. Your commentary:

C. Supporting Detail #2:

D. Your Commentary:

E. Clincher Sentence:



**IV. Third Body Paragraph: Refute the Opposition (This is an optional paragraph. Choosing to use it makes your argument stronger because it shows the opposition that you DO understand that there are conflicting viewpoints (you can put yourself in the opposition's shoes)).**

A. Recognize one of the opposition's arguments. This draws them in.

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B. Now refute the opposition: respectfully explain why their argument is not valid.

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**V. Fourth Body Paragraph:** Use your BEST argument!



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A. Supporting Detail #1:

B. Your Commentary:

C. Supporting Detail #2

D. Your Commentary:

E. Clincher

**VI. Conclusion – Choose one**



Summarization: briefly repeat your main persuasive reasons and restate your thesis statement in different words.

Prediction: What will your future be like if your persuasion works? (see conclusion of the essay “I Will Be Drug Free” in the Mentor Texts section of your binder.)

Call to action: Tell your reader what they can do to get involved.

Practice your conclusion here:

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You're ready to write  
your essay! Don't forget  
transition words to  
connect ideas!

