Formatting an Argumentative Essay:

STEP BY STEP WALKTHROUGH FOR FORMATTING A THESIS DRIVEN OR ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

**Introduction:**

- Grab the reader’s attention.
- Introduce the issue or topic being discussed.
- Present your claim with your THESIS STATEMENT.

**Background:** (Optional Depending on the Topic)*

- Strong place to give supplementary information or disclaimers.
- Good place to lay the foundation of your argument.
- *This information may also be included in a more developed introduction.

**Counterargument:**

- Think of possible counterarguments that someone could make about your claim.
- Refute the counterargument made in order to solidify your initial claim.

**Supportive Evidence:**

- Pull together information that backs up your claim.
- Organize your arguments in a way that supports your claim.
- Possible Sources: Text, personal cases, peer reviewed articles, etc.

**Conclusion:** (Sum Up)

- Develop a conclusion that sums up the claim and argument you made in the previous paragraphs.

**“So What?” Conclusion:**

- Explain the reason why your claim was worth making.
- Elaborate on the importance of your claim.