

NoRedInk Pathways Recommended for Argumentative Essays

Check the list below for NRI pathways we think would be most helpful for students learning to write argumentative essays.

Writing Concepts Pathways

Pathway	Part	Will support students with...
Introductory Paragraphs	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• writing opinionated, controversial thesis statements• using a strong hook to start an essay• effectively connecting a hook to a thesis statement• using specific and concise language
Thesis Statements	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• writing opinion-based, controversial thesis statements• using concise and specific language
Topic Sentences	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• writing strong topic sentences to support an argumentative thesis statement• using specific and concise language
Body Paragraphs: Claims, Evidence, and Reasoning	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using strong evidence to support a claim• using reasoning to connect evidence to a claim
Body Paragraphs: Embedding Evidence	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using and explaining strong evidence• providing effective source information and reporting verbs when introducing evidence• paraphrasing evidence without plagiarizing• knowing when a sentence needs a citation and using the rules of MLA citation• adjusting pronouns and verb tenses in direct quotations to maintain parallelism
Counterargument Paragraphs	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• writing strong opposing arguments and rebuttals
Body Paragraphs: Transition Words and Phrases	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using transition words or phrases to effectively link ideas
Conclusion Paragraphs	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• writing a strong restatement of the argument• writing a strong "So What?" Statement

Grammar & Conventions Pathways

Pathway	Will support students with...
Active and Passive Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using active voice to make writing clearer and more direct
Appositive Phrases	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using appositives to explain ideas, define topic-specific terms, or add source information
Building Compound and Complex Sentences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• building sentences with varied structures properly
Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• placing modifiers correctly to create descriptive sentences
Parallel Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• maintaining parallelism to help writing flow
Restrictive and Nonrestrictive Clauses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• adding description and detail to their writing



Note: We recommend consulting our grade-level filters to determine whether the content of each pathway is appropriately challenging for your students. To do so, from your NRI account, go to "Curriculum" and click "Grades & Standards."