Argumentative Essay Organizer (2020 v.1.1)

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Intro Paragraph

Body Paragraph 1

□PROMPT: Introduce Topic(1-2 sentences)

☐THESIS: Make a claim supporting one clear side of the question.(1 sentence)

→ Be sure to use words such as **BECAUSE** or **THEREFORE**

BRANCH 1: Identify a country that you will be using in Body Paragraph 1 and briefly tie it to the thesis.(1 sentence)

□BRANCH 2: Identify a country that you will be using in Body Paragraph 1 and briefly tie it to the thesis. (1 sentence)

6 sentence *minimum*

☐Use information(evidence) specifically related to a clearly identified CASE STUDY NATION that clearly relates to the topic.

☐ Make sure that you that you integrate the PROVIDED COURSE CONCEPT as listed(bulleted) in the essay question as you discuss your nation-specific piece of evidence.

□Clearly tie your evidence back to your thesis throughout the paragraph with 'because'/'therefore'/'correct'(or 'incorrect') statement.

1 Point-Nation Specific **Evidence**

1 Point-Evidence Clearly Tied to Thesis

1 Point- Evidence Relatec

to Course Concept

6 sentence minimum

☐Use information(evidence) specifically related to a clearly identified CASE STUDY NATION(IDEALLY A different from nation in previous para.) that clearly relates to the topic.

☐ Make sure that you that you integrate AT LEAST one or more PROVIDED COURSE CONCEPT as listed(bulleted) in the essay question as you discuss your nation-specific piece of evidence.

Clearly tie your evidence back to your thesis throughout the paragraph with 'because'/'therefore'/'correct'(or 'incorrect') statement.

1 Point-Nation Specific **Evidence**

1 Point-Evidence Clearly Tied to Thesis

Point- Evidence Related

to Course Concept

7 TOTAL POINTS

GENERAL WRITING ADVICE:

- ★ Avoid first-person statements ("in my opinion, "I think that", "I feel") as they WEAKEN your thesis. Your writing should appear as third person statement of fact.
- ★ Consistently establish a line of reasoning through use of words such as "because" and "therefore".
- ★Clearly articulate a solid position/argument by stating that ideas presented in the essay question are "correct/valid" or "incorrect/invalid". Take a stand...consistently and clearly!
- **★** Do not support your thesis by focusing on non-examples of your thesis in your body paragraphs(proving your thesis by using non-example case study nations that exhibit opposite qualities of your argument).

Body Paragraph 2