

## Argumentative Writing: *Graphic Organizer*

1. As in any essay, the first paragraph of your argumentative essay should contain a brief explanation of your topic, some background information, and a thesis statement. In this case, your thesis will be a statement of your position on a particular controversial topic. **You are making a claim!**

*Background Information*

CLAIM:

2. Support your claim with more than one supporting reason - in logical order. Next, give evidence to support your reasons.

*Reasons/Supporting Details*

*Evidence*

The graphic organizer consists of a large rectangular box at the top for 'Background Information' and a 'CLAIM:' label. Below this is a section for 'Reasons/Supporting Details' which contains three columns of rounded rectangular boxes. Each box in the 'Reasons' section is connected by a downward arrow to a corresponding box in the 'Evidence' section below it.

