

Writing a two-sided argument essay

Topic: Should Guns be banned? [example]

Argument: *Should guns be banned?*

Type: General

Level: ****[B1/B2]

Lesson Aim

To develop the students' ability to generate main ideas with support and write a two-sided argument essay.

3 types of lesson (writing x2 / reading x1).

1. Writing

- Ask Students to discuss question: *Should guns be banned?*
- Write down the arguments in favour and in opposition.
- Feed in / check key vocabulary (see next page).

Free Writing #1:

1. Distribute **outline #1** (blank).
2. Students complete outline using ideas discussed previously.
3. Students write the essay using the completed outline.
4. Students compare their essay with the model essay.
5. Extra: Reading Exercise.

Guided Writing #2:

1. Distribute **outline#2** (completed with points).
2. Students write the essay using outline.
3. Students compare their essay with the model answer.

Marking student's work:

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2. Reading

1. Distribute text and **outline #3** (blank).
2. Students read the essay and complete outline with key points and support.
3. Students check answers with **outline #4**.

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Key vocabulary

1. Massacres
2. Terrorism
3. Mass shooting
4. [REDACTED]
5. U.S Constitution – 2nd Amendment (right to bear arms)
6. Out-dated / flawed
7. [REDACTED]
8. Self-defence
9. Legislation
10. A [REDACTED]
11. National Rifle Association (NRA)
12. Policing
13. A severe prison sentence
14. [REDACTED]
15. To implement a policy
16. [REDACTED]
17. A household
18. A dispute
19. Slavery
20. [REDACTED]
21. To cite the main argument
22. Proponents
23. A venture

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With the [redacted] recent gun massacres, it comes as no surprise that the debate surrounding banning guns in all countries [redacted] on the U.S. for example, there have been more than 70 mass shootings in the last 30 years, and pro-gun control [redacted] would have prevented [redacted] U.S. constitution, the second amendment gives the right to bear arms for self-defence; however, [redacted] and flawed [redacted] has significantly increased. This essay discusses the arguments for and against banning guns in the U.S. and concludes that a [redacted] country.

In the U.S. approximately one in five people carry a gun. This suggests that citizens believe that it is necessary [redacted] life. There are three main arguments against a gun ban. Firstly, it is a constitutional right of the second [redacted] of the U.S. [redacted] fundamental right to bear arms for self-defence. This is a widely supported view throughout the U.S., [redacted] makes societies safer. The reduction in crime is the second reason in that the U.S. National Rifle Association ([redacted] has fallen 48% and the [redacted] in the last 10 years. Whether this is based on the right to carry arms or changes in policing, education and [redacted] debatable. A final reason is [redacted] are national sports and pastimes. Guns have become a fundamental part of life in the U.S, and [redacted] businesses into [redacted] and economic instability in some states. In sum, the law, a reduction in crime and financial uncertainty from a ban are the many [redacted] firearms.

There are three main convincing arguments that support an outright gun ban in the U.S. The most [redacted] that have [redacted] the rights for people to carry guns and notice that gun crime has reduced by nearly 80%. For instance, [redacted] after one of the biggest shootings in the [redacted]. Since that ban, gun-related crime has [redacted] sentences and an inability to purchase guns, this prevents guns from falling into the wrong hands and as such prevents [redacted] is that guns for [redacted] ideology. The likelihood of being attacked is extremely rare and having access to your gun in that event is equally [redacted] that guns in homes [redacted] on that household rather than in self-defence. In fact, gun-related domestic violence and family disputes are [redacted] crime. A final point [redacted] quote the second amendment as their constitutional right to carry guns; basically stating that it is [redacted]. However, it is an amendment, meaning [redacted] be amended, similar to how it was amended [redacted] three arguments clearly [redacted] implementation of a gun ban could lead to a reduction in gun-related deaths.

In conclusion, this essay has cited the main arguments for and against a gun ban. Proponents against a gun ban [redacted], carrying guns [redacted] higher unemployment. Proponents for a gun ban argue that countries where guns are banned

have much lower gun crime, the [REDACTED] can easily be changed. The evidence is clear that countries where guns are readily available tend [REDACTED]-related crime [REDACTED], therefore guns should be banned in order to create safer communities. One suggestion would be to [REDACTED] over a number of [REDACTED] can adapt and find their innovative ventures.

[700 words]

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Outline #1

Make notes using this outline to plan an essay on: Should guns be banned?

Introduction	
General	
Specific	
Outline & Thesis	

No - write your ideas and support	
1.Point / idea: Support:	
2.Point: Support:	
3.Point: Support:	

Yes - write your ideas and support	
1.Point / idea: Support:	
2.Point: Support:	
3.Point Support:	

Conclusion	
Summary	
Thesis	
Recommendation	

Outline #2

Use these ideas to write a two-sided argument on: Should guns be banned?

Introduction	
General	Terrorism, gun massacres = debate - banning guns
Specific	U.S. = 70 mass shootings in 30 years = gun laws [REDACTED] crimes. U.S. Constitution, the second amendment = right to bear arms for self-defence
Outline & Thesis	This essay will discuss the arguments for and against banning guns. Gun law now out- [REDACTED]

NO

1. Constitution right of the second amendment.

- legislation / U.S. Supreme Court.
- It is a fundamental [REDACTED] -defence...

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Outline #3

Read the essay on: *Should guns be banned?* Fill in the outline (basic notes only)

Introduction	
General	
Specific	
Outline & Thesis	

No – find the main points and support	
1. _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •
2. _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • •
3. _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • •

Yes – find the main points and support	
1. _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • •
2. _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • •
3. _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •

Conclusion	
Summary	
Thesis	
Recommendation	

Outline #4: ANSWERS

Introduction	
General	With the rise of terrorism gun massacres, debate surrounding banning guns in all countries as become topical.
Specific	U.S. for example, [REDACTED]. Tougher gun laws would have prevented these crimes. U.S. constitution, the second [REDACTED] to bear arms for self-defence.
Outline & Thesis	This essay will discuss the arguments for and against banning guns. Gun law now [REDACTED] the main premise of protecting oneself. A gun ban will create a safer country.

NO

1. Constitution right of the second amendment.

- legislation / U.S. Supreme Court.
- It is a fundamental [REDACTED] for self-defence.

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