



## **An Argumentative Essay Contains...**

### **I. A Debatable Position**

**A. A debatable position is one which should have opposing sides**

### **II. An Identifiable Position**

**A. should be readily understood by the audience**

### **III. Evidence for Your Position**

**A. should include background information pertaining to your thesis**

**B. outside sources to corroborate your analysis**

### **IV. Evidence Against Your Position**

**A. assume the antithesis and refute it**

### **V. A Persuasive and Informed Thesis Statement**

**A. the argument you are trying to persuade the audience to accept**