

Example Argumentative Essay:

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<p>Focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> thesis/CON/3 PROS supporting details spelling and commas <p style="text-align: center;">Uniforms are the Answer</p> <p>Our schools today are in a desperate condition. Students seem to have less ambition and more personal problems than in years past. With so many unpredictable factors affecting each student's education that the school <u>can't</u> control, one factor that <u>can</u> be controlled for the better is the dress code. For many different reasons, students should be required to wear uniforms to school.</p> <p>Individuals who oppose a uniform dress code claim that their choice of attire is part of their individuality; their clothes express their uniqueness. This may be true to an extent; but if a person's entire personality is revealed by the clothes he or she chooses to wear, then that is a sad comment on that person's character. It is what is on the inside that makes an individual unique, and that will not be erased or changed by simply following an innocent, uniform dress code.</p> <p>In addition, one result of students wearing uniforms would be the creation of an environment in which learning, and not socializing, is emphasized. Being dressed in <u>specific</u> clothing that is designated <u>for</u> school would help focus the students and the teachers; it would be a constant reminder of the purpose of coming to school in the first place. The atmosphere would be elevated and more formal. If a person "looked the part" of a student, perhaps he or she would "play the part" as well. The expectation of what should occur in school might actually happen—students will come to learn.</p> <p>Finally, implementing a specific, uniform dress code would end the amount of time that teachers and administrators waste dealing with all the gray areas of the current dress code policy. Countless hours are lost as skirt</p>		<p>Here's what I need in this essay.</p> <p>title</p> <p>Starts with general discussion about schools.</p> <p>Thesis is last sentence of intro.</p> <p>Here's the other side's opinion—my CON.</p> <p>"Slam" the other side with a PRO.</p> <p>Discuss the ideas a lot. Ask myself: "What else?"</p> <p>¶ starts with a PRO. No more mention of the other side's opinion at all!</p> <p>Lots of explanation. "Spell out" my opinion for the reader.</p> <p>¶ starts with another PRO. Still not mentioning the other side.</p> <p>Carefully chosen words.</p>

lengths and top sizes are evaluated and re-evaluated. This equals lost time from learning. A dress code consisting of white polos and khaki pants would take a vague policy like the school has now and make it black-and-white (or khaki-and-white as the case may be). Schools need to be able to focus on the students' needs, not on their clothes.

It is clear that only benefits can result from changing the dress code policy to one that requires specific uniforms. If a student's education is really as important as we claim it is, then it is our duty to enable him or her to succeed in any way possible. This is one small step that could make a big difference.

A little humor is a good thing!

Revisit the thesis first.

Now talk about the "big picture."