**Title of Paper**

Student Name

Assignment Name (e.g., Essay #1)

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Your introduction to your paper should include a statement of the problem, followed by the main opposing explanations. End the introduction with your thesis statement, expressing the opinion you will argue in this paper. Some say that XXXX, while others say that XXXX. In this paper I will argue that XXXX.

The body of your paper starts here. In it you should describe at least three good pieces of evidence for your thesis with your analysis of each. Think of it as three sections, one for each major piece of evidence. Begin each section with an assertion; follow the assertion by describing the evidence; then discuss how the evidence supports your assertion (and therefore the thesis). Make sure your evidence is correctly cited, either with in-text parenthetical citations (Jones 217) or with footnotes.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Before your conclusion, discuss what someone would say to disagree with your argument, then talk about why this isn’t supported by the evidence.

The last paragraph of your paper is a conclusion that ties your evidence together and reinforces your thesis statement. Review your three assertions, then show how they demonstrate the validity of your thesis.

**Important:** Remember to Save As… with a new filename (preferably your name and the assignment name). Or, before you make any changes, use Save As Template… and add it to your personal templates. Then close this file, and use Open… to use the Word template version you just created.

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1. Jones 217. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)