Argumentative Essay DBQ Format

Introduction

1. Introduce topic.
2. State your argument (thesis) and take a position
3. Use **transition word(s)** to the body paragraph.

Body Paragraph

1. **Affirm** (**agree/pro/yes/true**) your position from your introduction thesis.
2. State your **1st piece of evidence from a document**. (pro position)
3. Use **transition word(s).**
4. **Analyze** your 1st piece of evidence.
5. **Affirm** (**agree/pro/yes/true**) your position from your introduction thesis.
6. State **2nd piece of evidence from a document**. (pro position)
7. Use **transition word(s).**
8. **Analyze** your 2nd piece of evidence.
9. **Refute (disagree/con/no/false)** your position from your introduction thesis.
10. State **3rd piece of evidence from a document**. (con position)
11. Use **transition word(s).**
12. **Analyze** your 3rd piece of evidence.
13. **Affirm** (**agree/pro/yes/true**) your position from your introduction thesis.
14. State **4th piece of evidence from a document**. (pro position)
    Make this your *Best Evidence!*
15. Use **transition word(s).**
16. **Analyze** your 4th piece of evidence.
17. Use **transition word(s)** to move reader to conclusion.

Conclusion

1. Use conclusion transition word(s) - (In the final analysis, In conclusion)
2. **Restate** your **argument (thesis).**
3. Use **restatement transition words** (In essence, In other words, To put it differently)
4. **Summarize** your body paragraph.
5. Use **summary transition words** (In summary, To summarize)
6. Provides a general warning of the consequences of not following the conclusion that you put forward and/or a general statement of how the community will benefit from following that conclusion.

Transition Word(s)

Addition:
also, again, as well as, besides, coupled with, furthermore, in addition, likewise, moreover, similarly

Contrast and Comparison:
contrast, by the same token, conversely, instead, likewise, on one hand, on the other hand, on the contrary, rather,
similarly, yet, but, however, still, nevertheless, in contrast

Direction:
here, there, over there, beyond, nearly, opposite, under, above, to the left, to the right, in the distance

Diversion:
by the way, incidentally

Emphasis
above all, chiefly, with attention to, especially, particularly, singularly

Exception:
aside from, barring, beside, except, excepting, excluding, exclusive of, other than, outside of, save

Exemplifying:
chiefly, especially, for instance, in particular, markedly, namely, particularly, including, specifically, such as

Generalizing:
as a rule, as usual, for the most part, generally, generally speaking, ordinarily, usually

Illustration:
for example, for instance, for one thing, as an illustration, illustrated with, as an example, in this case

Similarity:
comparatively, coupled with, correspondingly, identically, likewise, similar, moreover, together with

Sequence:
at first, first of all, to begin with, in the first place, at the same time, for now, for the time being, the next step, in time, in turn, later on, meanwhile, next, then, soon, the meantime, later, while, earlier, simultaneously, afterward, in conclusion, with this in mind.