

## Structure and Organization

When you are building your argument, you need to do so in an organized manner that is easy for your reader to follow.

The first step is to create distinct main points (usually three) and to build each independently in order to prove your overall point. This means that you should not be bouncing all over the place as you make your argument. Each point will get its own section of the essay, so your reader will be able to follow along easily.

The second step is to construct clear and organized arguments for each of your main points, usually using outside sources. Again, by creating logical arguments that your reader can easily follow, you will be able to write a stronger essay overall. By using the ICE method to develop your body paragraphs, you can integrate outside sources into your argument with relative ease.

### ICE Method

#### I: Integrate/Introduce

- After you have presented the point you are arguing, you need to introduce your reader to the source and information you will be using to support it. You should not assume your reader is familiar with your sources, so you need to give some context as to where the information is coming from.

#### C: Copy/Cite

- Insert the quote and/or information from the outside source. Be sure to use quotation marks when needed. ALWAYS INCLUDE PROPER CITATION.

#### E: Explain

- Quotes and information from outside sources cannot stand on their own; they must be accompanied by your analysis. This is one of the most important parts of an argumentative essay because it shows how you are building your argument. To write this part think about why you chose this quote or information in the first place. What did you think it would show? Why is it important to proving your point?

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