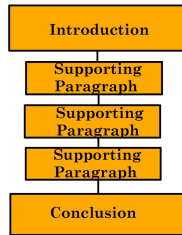


The Argumentative Essay

Organization

- a. Introduction
- b. Supporting paragraphs
- c. Conclusion



Safest method--5 paragraphs

Introduction

1. Explain the situation-background information.
2. The last line should say what you will prove (claim).

Supporting Paragraphs

1. Each paragraph states one supporting point or idea.
2. Refer to the source.
3. Clearly explain your point.
4. Remind us how your point supports your claim.

Conclusion

1. Remind us of what you wanted to prove.
2. Remind us of the supporting ideas you used.
3. End with again telling us what you have proven.

Never use "I think" or "I believe."

Use words to connect the paragraphs such as "The first reason..., Next..., In addition..., Finally..., Another reason is...."

Prompt

Many People say that Confucius was a great man. Other say that although he is famous, he did not do much, so he should not be considered "great." Think of what you have learned about Confucius and decide if he was a "great" man. Write an Argumentative Essay to prove your claim that he was or wasn't a great man.

Essay

China has a long history. There were many times when families went to war against each other. Confucius lived during one of these times and developed a plan which used respect as a way to achieve peace. Although he could not get anyone to listen to him, Confucius still was a great man.

Confucius was a great man because he never gave up trying to achieve peace. As shown in the "Confucius" class video, he spent his whole life trying to convince others to use his plan. He kept on trying until he died. Because he never stopped trying, he can be considered "great."

Another reason that Confucius was a great man was his plan itself. Confucius believed that respect was the key to peace. The textbook states that his ideas were far ahead of his time. His deep thinking skills show that he was indeed a great person.

Finally, Confucius was a great man because he changed the way people thought. As stated in the article, "Confucius" his ideas were finally used throughout China. Even today many businesses and organizations use his ideas in order to achieve success.

As we have seen, Confucius was a great man. He never gave up trying to achieve peace, and his plan shows that his ideas were ahead of his time. His ideas about respect continue to influence people today. It is for these reasons that Confucius will always be thought of as a great man.