Writing an English II Persuasive Essay

“Pick your Side”

Paragraph I: State your position/thesis-not the first sentence of the paragraph. Be specific and concise.

 Address your concession-the other side. Only one sentence as acknowledgement.

Paragraph II: Topic sentence-grounded in logic-reason #1-Why your side?

 Give example that illustrates your point.

 So What? Short term – importance of your point.

Paragraph III: Optional. Same as Paragraph II.

Conclusion: Reinforce your position. Don’t just repeat your thesis. Larger So What? Universal.

 No New Information.

Notes:

* 26 lines only
* Personal pronouns can be used: 1in body paragraph and 1in conclusion
* Body paragraphs are ONLY your position
* Only use quotes if your prompt requires
* Elevate your language. Review your Plague List. Watch your use of vague/wasted words.

Shows-Uses-Makes-Demonstrates-Illustrates-To Be Verbs-Helping Verbs-Passive Voice.

* If your prompt has a quote: don’t analyze; use to support your position. It’s a guide only.