Argumentative Essay

Step 1: Brainstorming

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Browse the list of current issues below. Under the “Ranking” column, number the topics in order of their importance to you/your life. Under “Initial thoughts” write what you know about that particular topic. After researching your top 4 topics, write what you learn under the “What I learned…” column. \*Note\*- you will not fill out this column for all the topics, only your top 4.

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| Topic | Ranking | Initial thoughts | What I learned after research |
| Should college be free? |  |  |  |
| Should student athletes be paid? |  |  |  |
| Should schools be able to limit freedom of speech? |  |  |  |
| Is the death sentence an efficient form of punishment? |  |  |  |
| Is a college education still worth it? |  |  |  |
| Should convicted felons be allowed to vote once they’re free? |  |  |  |
| Should vaccines be mandated by the government? |  |  |  |
| Is organic food truly beneficial? |  |  |  |
| Should the adoption process be as complex/pricey as it is? |  |  |  |
| Is obesity a disease? |  |  |  |

Are there any additional topics you would add to this list? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In the space provide your initial thesis by answering your topic question and listing reasons why you agree or disagree.

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What are some reasons people might use to argue against your reasons? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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