**NOTES FOR PERSUASIVE THEMES WITH EXAMPLES**

**THE PARTS AND THEIR PURPOSES**

**Title**

Grabs the readers’ attention

Is capitalized and set apart

**Introductory Paragraph (Paragraph #1)**

Introduces the claim

Grabs the reader’s attention with an Introductory Option OR

Provides background information about the claim

Names the claim and the major reasons supporting the claim and/or the major examples

**Reasons Paragraph 1 (Paragraph #2)**

Presents the first major reason and example supporting the claim

Provides a mini-story related to the first example

**Reasons Paragraph 2 (Paragraph #3)**

Presents the second major reason and example supporting the claim

Provides a mini-story related to the second example

**Reasons Paragraph 3 (Paragraph #4)**

Presents the third major reason and example supporting the claim

Provides a mini-story related to the third example

**Concluding Paragraph (Paragraph #5)**

Tells the reader the theme is ending

Restates the claim

Summarizes the major reasons and examples supporting the claim OR

Presents a Concluding Option

Provides the author’s main message to the reader

**NOTES FOR PERSUASIVE THEMES WITH EXAMPLES (cont.)**

**THE SENTENCES IN THE PARAGRAPHS**

**Introductory Paragraph (Paragraph #1)**

Sentence #1: A Topic Sentence that presents the claim

Sentence #2: A Lead-off Detail Sentence that begins the Introductory Option OR introduces background information about the claim

Sentence #3: A Follow-up Detail Sentence that tells more about the Introductory Option or background information

Sentences #4 and 5: Additional Detail Sentences as needed

Sentence #6: A Thesis Statement that names the claim, the major reasons for supporting the claim, and/or the examples

**Reasons Paragraph 1 (Paragraph #2)**

Sentence #1: A Topic Transition Sentence that introduces the first major reason and/or example.

Sentences #2-7: Detail Sentences that tell a mini-story related to the claim or the first major reason (Lead-off and Follow-up Sentences)

**Reasons Paragraph 2 (Paragraph #3)**

Sentence #1: A Topic Transition Sentence that introduces the second major reason.

Sentences #2-7: Detail Sentences that tell a mini-story related to the claim or the second major reason (Lead-off and Follow-up Sentences)

**Reasons Paragraph 3 (Paragraph #4)**

Sentence #1: A Topic Transition Sentence that introduces the third major reason.

Sentences #2-7: Detail Sentences that tell a mini-story related to the claim or the third major reason (Lead-off and Follow-up Sentences)

**Concluding Paragraph (Paragraph #5)**

Sentence #1: A Concluding Transition Sentence that restates the claim and indicates that the theme is ending.

Sentences #2-5: Detail Sentences that summarize the major reasons and/or examples OR present the Concluding Option. They include Lead-off and Follow-up Sentences.

Sentence #6: A Clincher Sentence that ends the theme and restates the claim in a way that makes the reader think more about it or presents the main message of the theme.