Argumentative essay outline 1:

1. Give your thesis statement.

This is your claim, or your position on the issue presented in the text(s).

Give some background on the controversy to clarify the issue, and state your position.

If you are using literary works, include titles and authors.

1. PRO idea 1. State the reason people feel this way.
   1. Highlight evidence. You can take a quote from the text, or paraphrase an important detail or fact.
   2. Give statistics, examples, facts.
   3. Share a personal experience or a story relevant to the issue.
2. PRO idea 2. State the reason people feel this way*. 2*
   1. Highlight evidence, quote text, or paraphrase
   2. Give statistics, examples, facts.
   3. Share a personal experience or a story.
3. CON(s) + Refutation(s)
   1. Highlight evidence
   2. Give statistics, examples, facts.
   3. Share a personal experience or story.
   4. Explain why these might be true BUT....
4. Conclusion
   1. Highlight the overview of your topic/ summarize your arguments.
   2. State some of the general effects.
   3. Give your opinion on how these general effects will impact your topic.
   4. Conclude with your opinion or a “call to action”.

Argumentative Essay Outline 2:

1. Give your thesis statement.
2. CON(s) + Refutation(s)
   1. Highlight evidence
   2. Give statistics
   3. Share a personal experience or a story.
   4. Explain why these might be true BUT....
3. PRO idea 1
   1. Highlight evidence
   2. Give statistics
   3. Share a personal experience or a story.
4. PRO idea 2
   1. Highlight evidence
   2. Give statistics
   3. Share a personal experience or a story.
5. Conclusion
   1. Highlight the overview of your topic.
   2. State some of the general effects.
   3. Give your opinion on how these general effects will impact your topic.
   4. Conclude with your opinion or a “call to action”.