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# Persuasive Essay

## Step One - Thesis

1. Was the United States **justified** in going to war with Mexico?

YES / NO

2. What are **THREE** reasons to support your claim?

i. \_\_\_\_\_

Document(s) that support your claim: (circle all that apply)

Background Essay

Document 'B'

Document 'D'

Document 'A'

Document 'C'

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

Document(s) that support your claim: (circle all that apply)

Background Essay

Document 'B'

Document 'D'

Document 'A'

Document 'C'

iii. \_\_\_\_\_

Document(s) that support your claim: (circle all that apply)

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Document 'C'

3. Use the **question** and your **three reasons** to state your claim: \_\_\_\_\_

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(This is now your **THESIS statement!**)

## Step Two: Rough Draft – intro.

### 1. Introduction Paragraph (Background):

What **historical events** led up to the Mexican-American War?

(Describe America **prior to** this war w/ background info. Include documentation if necessary.)

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**WHO** was involved? **WHERE** did it take place? **WHEN** did this happen?

**WHY** was it fought? **WHAT** happened? (Briefly describe each part)

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Include your **THESIS** statement from Step One.

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Remember..... do **NOT** use the words:

“I,” “my,” “you,” “we,” “essay,”

## Step Three: Rough Draft – body

### 2. Body Paragraph - REASON #1:

**Topic Sentence: (Baby-Thesis)** (Include the **question** and your **FIRST** reason)

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**Cite evidence to support your reason and analyze it.**

(Include one HIPP for each document)

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**Address a COUNTER ARGUMENT for this reason.** (Include an opposing viewpoint)

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## Step Three: Rough Draft – body

### 3. Body Paragraph - REASON #2:

**Topic Sentence: (Baby-Thesis)**

(Include the **question** and your **SECOND** reason)

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**Cite evidence to support your reason and analyze it.**

(Include one HIPP for each document)

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**Cite evidence to support your reason and analyze it.**

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**Address a COUNTER ARGUMENT for this reason.**

(Include an opposing viewpoint)

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## Step Three: Rough Draft – body

### 4. Body Paragraph - REASON #3:

**Topic Sentence: (Baby-Thesis)**

(Include the **question** and your **THIRD** reason)

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**Cite evidence to support your reason and analyze it.**

(Include one HIPP for each document)

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**Cite evidence to support your reason and analyze it.**

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**Address a COUNTER ARGUMENT for this reason.**

(Include an opposing viewpoint)

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## Step Four: Rough Draft – conclusion

### 5. **Conclusion Paragraph:**

(Restate your **THESIS**):

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(Briefly summarize your **THREE** reasons in *DIFFERENT WORDS*).

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(Restate your **COUNTER ARGUMENTS** in *DIFFERENT WORDS*).

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(Synthesis: **Connect** this topic to another historical time period).

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