



# The Art of Arguing

How to construct an argument

# Where shall we begin?



# Location, Location, LOCATION!!

Problem / Issue

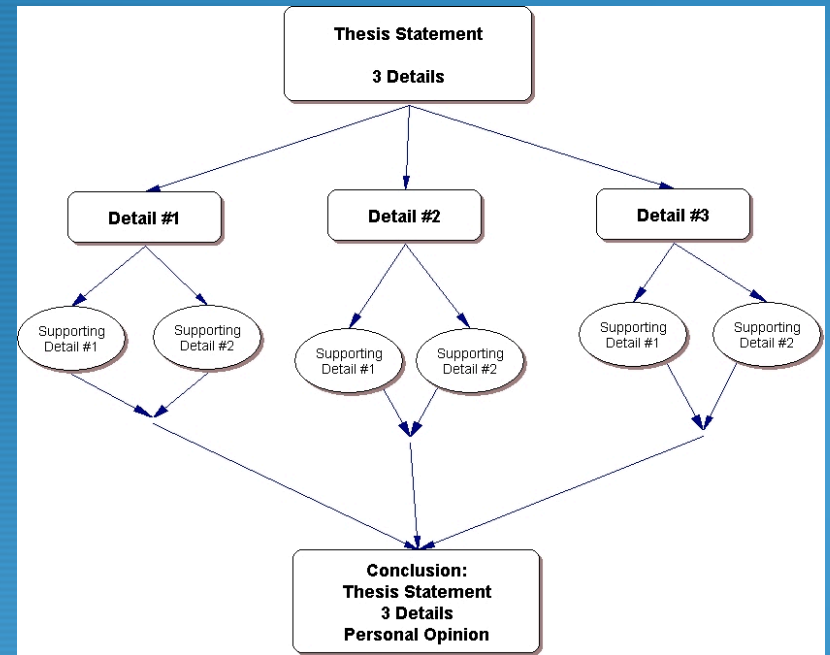
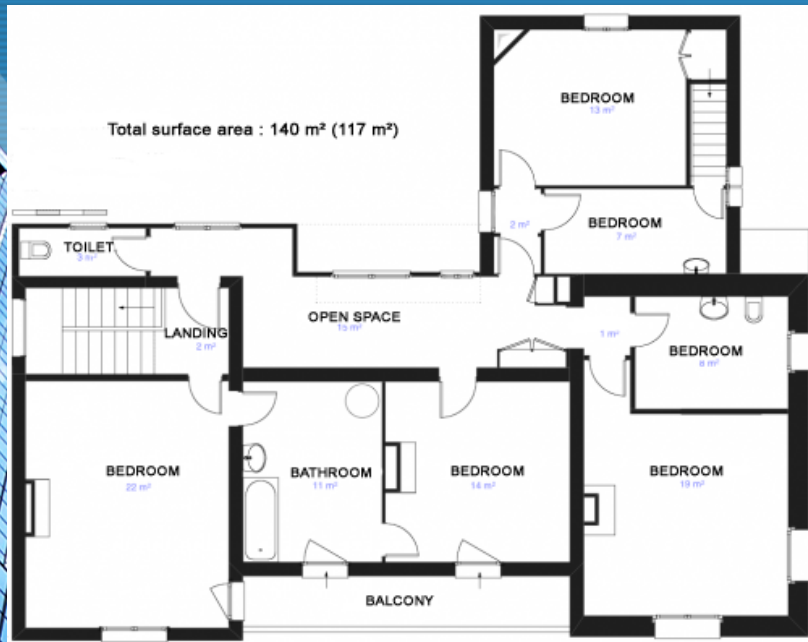
Importance

Audience



# Blueprints

- Outline your argument



KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO!

# Laying the Foundation

SUPPORT your claims  
with EVIDENCE



Research, personal experience, interviews,  
studies, etc.

# Mounting the Structure

Tying your claims and  
evidence to thesis /  
argument



Connecting ideas



Everything is RELEVANT



STRONG argument



# Detailed Design



# Beautify your essay!



Organization

Fluidity

Transitions

Style

Imagery

Metaphors

Introduction   Hook   Conclusion   Etc.



# Cutting the Ribbon



Now you're ready to turn in your fabulous essay 😊



# Miss D's Argument

Why Every College Student Should  
Own a Cat

# Identify the parts

Argument?

Who?

Why?

*They say?*

*I say?*

Within American society, it has been long believed that dogs are a man's best friend and that cats are inherently evil. However, recent studies indicate that cats may be better for one's health. Data from Black & Decker (2014) reveal that simply petting a cat has proven to lower stress levels and make people relax, especially those who are greatly stressed. Some of the most stressed people in the world are college students. College students experience great amounts of stress, which often affects their studies. As a result, students need healthy, alternative ways to de-stress and relax. Therefore, I suggest that all college students should own a cat.

# Location

**Argument**

Every college student should own a cat.

**Who?**

College students

**Why?**

Stress affects students' studies

**They Say**

American society believes dogs are man's best friend and cats are evil.

**I Say**

Research shows that petting cats actually reduces stress levels and makes people relax.

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# Homework

- Read *They Say, I Say* Ch. 7
- Read *Don't Blame the Eater* p. 195-197 & *Nuclear Waste* p. 206-209
  - Do Argument Worksheet