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**Outline for Persuasive Research Paper**

**Topic:**

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| **CATEGORY** | **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** | **0** |
| **Organization** | Information is very organized with well-constructed paragraphs and subheadings. | Information is organized with well-constructed paragraphs. | Information is organized, but paragraphs are not well-constructed. | The information appears to be disorganized. |  |
| **Introduction** | All areas addressed with required information provided. | Most areas addressed with required information. | Several areas of required information are missing. | No attempt to gather required information seems to be made. | Information omitted. |
| **Thesis Statement** | Well written statement provided. | Improvements could be made in writing style and content. | Thesis statement provided but needs work. Missing element(s). | Little attempt to write a cohesive thesis. Multiple parts of the thesis missing. | No thesis provided or thesis provided does not correlate with outline. |
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