

BODY PARAGRAPHS – S A M P L E – GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Reason #1

Topic Sentence: Emphysema, chronic bronchitis and lung cancer are just a few of the major health hazards directly related to cigarette smoking.

Elaboration: Those who suffer from these health issues find it difficult to breathe, take a flight of stairs, walk to the park, or even play with their children. Having a smoking-related ailment will put many people in the hospital indefinitely. The quality of one's life is significantly decreased by having to treat and manage these diseases.

Example or Proof: For example, a very good friend of mine suffers from chronic bronchitis. She has daily coughing episodes that send her into a violent sweat. The shocking fact is that she has only been a smoker for less than two years.

Concluding Statement: Smoking is simply not worth the risk.

Reason #2

Topic Sentence: A devastating effect of cigarette smoking is the thousands of innocent non-smokers that are affected every year by something called passive smoke.

Elaboration: Passive smoke is the smoke emitted into the air by a lit cigarette or a smoker's exhalation.

Example or Proof: The American Cancer Society reports that second-hand smoke kills more than 50,000 American every year; that is more casualties than calculated in the Vietnam War. Another close friend of mine is currently battling lung cancer. She never smoked a cigarette in her life.

Concluding Statement: Smokers simply do not have the right to jeopardize the lives of those who choose not to smoke.

Reason #3

Topic Sentence: Death is the ultimate price to pay for choosing to become a smoker.

Elaboration: There is nothing in this world more valuable than your life. Each and every one of those 500,000 people has a face, a family, and a reason for living.

Example or Proof: According to the American Cancer Society, over 500,000 Americans die every year from smoking related habits. Sadly, all of those deaths could have been prevented.

Concluding Statement: Cigarettes do kill – do not be fooled into thinking that you will be the exception to the rule.

