

Sample Argumentative Multi-Paragraph Outline

Prompt: What factor(s) most strongly influence people to take action that could create change in society?

Claim: People are most strongly influenced to take action when their individuality and sense of morality feel threatened.	
Reason 1: Individuality	<p>Topic Sentence: People uphold their own personal values and integrity in order to push back against rules and behaviors that they think are wrong.</p> <p>Supporting Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Persepolis</i> → Marji wears what she wants in public, like a jean jacket and sneakers (p. 133) ● <i>Night</i> → Eliezer decides not to abandon his father (p. 91)
Reason 2: Morality	<p>Topic Sentence: Developing a moral compass helps individuals respond in empowering ways when they face oppression.</p> <p>Supporting Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Persepolis</i> → Marji goes to the protest with her family to fight for what they think is right (p. 76) ● <i>Night</i> → French woman risks her own safety to take care of Eliezer (p. 53)
Reason 3 (Optional): Counterclaim / Rebuttal	<p>Topic Sentence: While many prisoners in concentration camps are unable to resist their Nazi captors due to fear and physical exhaustion, moments of individual integrity still shape many people's actions.</p> <p>Supporting Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prisoners hang onto their faith for as long as they can (p. 45) ● A man curses Germany before he is hanged (p. 62) ● Eliezer gives his own rations to his father (p. 107)