

# Argumentative Tattoo Outline-SAMPLE

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## Introduction:

- A. Surprisingly, only 21% of Americans have a tattoo.
- B. However, tattoos are becoming more commonly seen in our society, and despite their growing popularity, people have mixed feelings about them.
- C. Getting a tattoo can lead to **disease** and **regrets**, and although some people believe they are a great way to **express one's self**, there are **other options**.
- D. Simply put, getting a **tattoo** is **never a good idea**.

## I. Diseases

TS: When getting inked, contracting a serious and/or deadly disease is always a risk.

### A. Hepatitis

- 1. Months or years of treatment
- 2. Shuts down liver
- 3. 16,000 new cases in 2015
- 4. May not be curable

### B. HIV

- 1. Attacks the immune system.
- 2. 50,000 new cases annually
- 3. Deadly

CS: **Not only** can one contract a disease from getting a tattoo, **but** they can **also** come to regret it.

## II. Regrets

TS: As if contracting a disease is not bad enough, studies show that most people who have a tattoo actually regret getting it.

### A. Visual barrier

- 1. Society views: negative, rebellious, immature, and unprofessional
- 2. No job/career – policy against hiring people with tattoos

### B. People change their minds

- 1. Tastes change
- 2. Dermatologist Amy Smith avg. 30 laser removals per month.
- 3. Removal painful & expensive.

4. 10 percent of clientele is over 50 & simply regret immortalizing a person or event.

CS: Life can be filled with regrets; a tattoo does not have to be one of them.

### III. Self-Expression

TS: Some people believe getting a tattoo is a great way to express one's self; however, there are other options.

#### A. Hair style (Tell Me)

1. Color/dye it {**Show Me: evidence, example, detail**}
2. Length/cut

#### B. Clothing choice (Tell Me)

1. Preppy
2. Emo

CS: **Expressing one's self** does not have to be limited to just a tattoo; there are **numerous ways** to express one's personal style.

### Conclusion

- A. **Thesis:** Getting a tattoo is always the wrong choice.
- B. **I,II,III:** Tattoos can cause disease and regrets, and although some people believe they are a means to express one's self, there are plenty of better alternatives.
- C. **Call to action:** Everyone should rethink getting inked.
- D. **Predict future:** One would not want a tattoo to ruin his or her future, so avoiding them is the way to ensure they do not negatively affect one's future.