*A Christmas Carol* Argumentative Essay Outline

1. Paragraph 1
2. Hook (1-2 sentences):
3. Background (1-2 sentences):
4. Thesis:

The spirit who had the greatest influence in changing Scrooge’s life is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because (X) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (Y) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and (Z) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Paragraph 2 (Reason listed as “X” in thesis)
2. Topic Sentence (Sent. 1):
3. Example (Sent. 2):
4. Direct Quote (Sent. 3):
5. Explain/Analyze (Sent. 4):
6. Conclusion (Sent. 5):
7. Paragraph 3 (Reason listed as “Y” in thesis)
8. Topic Sentence (Sent. 1):
9. Example (Sent. 2):
10. Direct Quote (Sent. 3):
11. Explain/Analyze (Sent. 4):
12. Conclusion (Sent. 5):
13. Paragraph 4 (Reason listed as “Z” in thesis)
14. Topic Sentence (Sent. 1):
15. Example (Sent. 2):
16. Direct Quote (Sent. 3):
17. Explain/Analyze (Sent. 4):
18. Conclusion (Sent. 5):
19. Paragraph 5 (Counterargument)
20. Transition (Sent. 1):

*On the other hand, some might argue that the spirit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_had the greatest influence on Scrooge because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

1. Acknowledge (Sent. 2):

*This might be a valid argument because indeed this spirit\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

1. Refute (Sent. 3):
2. Direct Quote (Sent. 4):
3. Explain/Analyze (Sent. 5):
4. Conclusion (Sent. 6):
5. Paragraph 6: Conclusion
6. Restate thesis:
7. Synthesize:
8. Conclusion: