**Topic:** Gun control in America

**Thesis:** The ultimate form of gun control should be enacted: repeal the Second Amendment.

(The thesis of an argument or persuasive essay should clearly state your position on the topic.)

**Main point 1** (includes the counterpoint before the main point): First, the right to bear arms is a cherished ideal on which this country was founded over 200 years ago. However, it is time to repeal the Second Amendment because America is no longer a frontier nation that needs citizen militias to battle hostile natives and invading countries. (Develop your main point in the body paragraph.)

**Main point 2:** Second, the right to bear arms should be repealed because America’s murder rate is higher than all other developed nations. (Develop this in the body paragraph.)

**Main point 3:** Third, the right to bear arms should be repealed because citizen-owned guns do not prevent crimes. (Develop this in the body paragraph.)

**Conclusion** (includes counterpoint): Once upon a time in America, every citizen needed a gun. That time has passed.