**Contents List for Persuasive Themes with Examples**

**Title**

**Introductory Paragraph**

 **Topic Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

 **(Names the claim, grabs the reader)**

 **Background Sentences**

 **(Introductory Option, and/or background details)**

 **Thesis Statement (Specific Topic Sentence)**

**(The claim, the Major Reasons, the message, gracefully leads into the rest of the theme)**

**Detail Paragraphs**

 **Topic/Transition Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

**(Transition, the claim, introduce the Major Reason and Example)**

 **Lead-off Sentences**

**(Transition, introduce a new event or detail in the mini-story about the example)**

 **Follow-up Sentences**

**(Provide more info about the new event or detail in the mini-story)**

**Concluding Paragraph**

 **Concluding/Transition Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

 **(Concluding Transition, the claim)**

 **Detail Sentences**

**(Summarize the Major Reasons and Examples; Concluding Option)**

 **Clincher Sentence**

 **(The claim, the main message)**

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