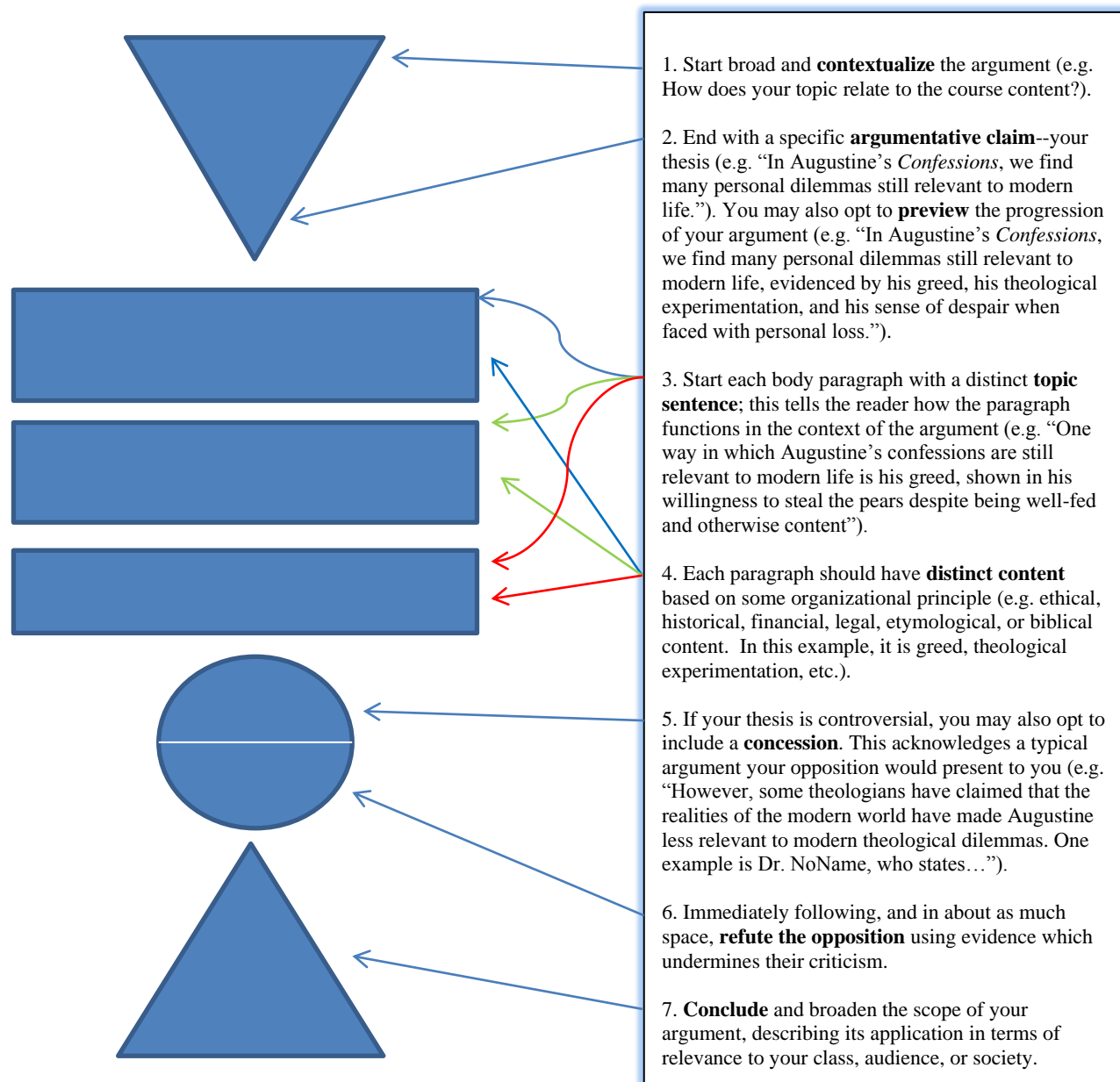


Argument Structure: *The Aristotelian Argument*

The Aristotelian argument is the framework upon which most academic, thesis-driven writing is based. You can use this template any time you need to take a position on a topic.* Before getting started, make sure that your thesis is *argumentative* and non-obvious. When determining how to support your thesis, try to group all of your supporting evidence into distinct piles which have thematic similarities. Finally, develop each claim in its own section of text, making sure that each point is proportionate to the others. The back of this handout contains a template you can use to get started.



*The example above is for illustration only. Placement of the thesis may vary and the number of points (and paragraphs) can change.

Context (of the Problem/Issue):

Thesis:



Topic Sentence 1:

Supporting Claims:



Topic Sentence 2:

Supporting Claims:



Topic Sentence 3:

Supporting Claims:



Concession:

Refutation:



Relevance (of the Solution/Thesis):

