Student

Teacher

Class

Date

Title (centered)

**Introduction (one long paragraph):**

Attention grabber (use concepts of “privacy, freedom, spying, dishonesty”)

Definitions: Whistleblower, your definition of a “hero” and a “traitor.”

Thesis: Last sentence of the introduction: “Edward Snowden is a hero/traitor because….”

**Section one: Background (2-3 paragraphs depending on your research)**

NSA information/surveillance program

Factual information on Snowden

**Section two: Supporting your thesis with research (2-3 pages)**

Support your thesis. You should give your various reasons why Snowden is a traitor and support those opinions using your research. You will want to come up with two-three reasons why Snowden is a hero/traitor and support each one.

Use transitions that help call your reader’s attention back to the thesis statement.

You may want to include a “counter-claim” section in which you recognize the other side, utilize some research to support it, but say why it is incorrect. (There are some who say that Snowden is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.)

**Conclusion**:

Restate thesis and major supports

“Clincher” (leave the audience with one final persuasive statement to convince them)