Making a Formal Argument – $5 or a Lottery Ticket

Directions: Answer the question below using a formal argument. In a formal argument, you must

1) State your position.
2) Provide point(s) that support your position.
3) Support each point with specific reasons/examples.

Question: Which is better: five dollars or a lottery ticket?

Example Answer: A lottery ticket is better than five dollars. You cannot buy much with five dollars. For example, you can buy a hamburger for five dollars. A hamburger may be nice for now, but you will be hungry again later. On the other hand, a lottery ticket may be worth millions of dollars; enough to feed you for the rest of your life.

Rough Draft:

Final Draft: