

PERSUASIVE WRITING

Name: _____

The goal of persuasive writing is to convince your reader that your opinions about an idea are correct. In this writing activity you will need to argue in support of an idea or argue against an idea.

Your writing must clearly argue either "for" or "against" the topic. Do not try to take the middle ground and argue for both sides of the issue. Use persuasive language—remember you are trying to convince the reader to agree with your argument.

YOUR PARAGRAPH MUST:

- Have an interesting title
- Have an engaging topic sentence
- Have the first sentence indented
- Have at least three supporting points and examples
- Be spell checked
- Have a clear concluding sentence

WORDS AND PHRASES TO AVOID

- I, My, We, Us (Write in 3rd person only please)
- I think, in my opinion, I believe
- In conclusion
- These are all the reasons why...
- That is why I...

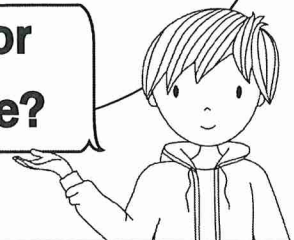
Assignment Requirements

- You must include your brainstorming and rough copy when you hand in the assignment.
- If any of the requirements are missing—you will be asked to resubmit your work when complete.
- Due Date: _____

All good writing is persuasive writing; persuading the reader to buy what you're selling, to side with you, to believe the tales you tell. -Ramsey Isler

POSSIBLE TOPICS

Agree or disagree?



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Topic;

Arguments For...

Arguments Against...

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TOPIC

I am going to argue that...

When writing a persuasive ^{essay} paragraph, it is a good idea to think about what people who disagree with you might think. This can help you make a stronger case in your writing.

My **first** argument is _____

If someone disagreed with me, they might argue that _____

My **second** argument is _____

If someone disagreed with me, they might argue that _____

My **third** argument is _____

If someone disagreed with me, they might argue that _____

Additional arguments from people who might disagree with you...

PERSUASIVE ESSAY OUTLINE

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Using POINT FORM, fill in the outline below to help you plan your writing using **PEEL**—Point, Example, Explain, Link.

Thesis Statement _____

Supporting Paragraph 1

Point _____

Evidence _____

Explain _____

Link _____

Supporting Paragraph 2

Point _____

Evidence _____

Explain _____

Link _____

Supporting Paragraph 3

Point _____

Evidence _____

Explain _____

Link _____

Conclusion _____

