

## Persuasive Writing

The purpose of persuasive writing is not only to state an opinion, but to try and persuade or convince the reader of something. In order to compose a persuasive piece or writing you need to take a side or position on an issue and then support your opinion with specific facts and examples. You can acknowledge the other side, but should point out the problems or flaws with this position

### Five Paragraph Essay Format

In order to write a persuasive essay you are going to follow a 5 paragraph essay format.

1. Paragraph #1 Introductory Paragraph
  1. Begin with an attention grabber! Make the reader want to read more.
  2. State your thesis which should include the issue and your opinion on it. Give your three reasons that support your argument.
  3. State your opinion in just a sentence or two.
2. Development Paragraph (Body)
  1. Restate reason #1 from the intro.
  2. Write sentences that give examples and details that support reason #1.
3. Development Paragraph (Body)
  1. Restate reason #2 from the intro.
  2. Write sentences that give examples and details that support reason #2.
4. Development Paragraph (Body)
  1. Restate reason #3 from the intro.
  2. Write sentences that give examples and details that support reason #3.
5. Concluding Paragraph
  1. Restate the subject of your essay.
  2. Summarize how your reasons support your point of view.
  3. Conclude with a summary of your opinion.
  4. Leave the reader wanting to take action (Call for Action) or thinking about changing their opinion.

## Persuasive Writing Assignment

Your task is to create a five paragraph persuasive essay on one of the following topics. Be sure to write in full sentences and include proper punctuation. Before you can begin writing you need to complete an organizer for your essay. The length of the essay should be 1-2 pages double spaced with 12 font.

### Possible Topics

- Should people under the age of 16 be allowed to own a cell phone
- Should students be paid for having good grades
- Should people have to get a license to become parents
- Should violent video games be banned
- Should boys and girls be in separate classes
- Reality shows are the lowest form of entertainment
- Topic of your choice (needs to be approved by the teacher)

# Persuasive Writing Graphic Organizer

## Paragraph #1 - Introduction

- Attention-grabbing beginning -
- Description of issue -
- Opinion Statement -

## Paragraph #2

Reason #1 -

Evidence to support  
(details and examples)

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## Paragraph #3

Reason #2 -

Evidence to support  
(details and examples)

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## Paragraph #4

Reason #3 -

Evidence to support  
(details and examples)

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- Can you include a rebuttal?
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## Paragraph #5 - Conclusion

- Restate opinion -
- Summarize 3 reasons -
- Call to action or closing statement -