

Write a Persuasive Composition:

- a. Include a well-defined thesis (i.e. one that makes a clear and knowledgeable judgment).
- b. Present detailed evidence, examples, and reasoning to support arguments, differentiating between facts and opinion.
- c. Provide details, reasons, and examples, arranging them effectively by anticipating and answering reader concerns and counterarguments.

The introductory paragraph is the first-paragraph in the persuasive essay. It should have three parts: an **attention-catcher**, a **thesis**, and a **preview**.

- Asking a Question
- Quotation
- Anecdote
- Startling Fact or Statistic
- Imaginative Scenario

A thesis is a clearly worded statement telling readers exactly what the writer intends to do in the essay.

Topics

Should sports be coed?

Should schools sell fast food?

When are you old enough to stay home alone?

Should middle school students still have a bed time?

How would you change the school lunch menu?

Should school sports be mandatory?

Should kids have chores?

Should students who play sports still have to take gym class?

Should school be year round with more breaks to improve education?

Many teachers assign group projects. Sometimes, however, an uncooperative member can affect the entire group. Argue for or against the use of group projects using specific details and examples.

Some school boards have decided that all students must participate in at least one extracurricular activity. For example, students could participate in sports, work on the yearbook, or serve on the student council. Do you agree or disagree with this decision? Use specific details and examples to convince others to support your position.

Some people think that schools should offer only nutritious drinks such as white milk, water, and natural fruit juice. Do you agree or disagree with this policy? Use specific details and examples to convince your principal to accept your position.

Many professional athletes and entertainers earn large sums of money. Do you agree or disagree with these individuals making high salaries? Use specific details and examples to convince others to support your position.

What improvement would make your community better? Use specific details and examples to convince the mayor of your community to accept your idea for improving where you live.

If you could make a significant change to the structure or appearance of your school, what would it be? Identify the change you would make, and explain why you believe it should be made. Explain the cost and how that cost would be funded.

Cyber bullies – Should schools be responsible for punishing cyber bullies? Use specific details and examples to convince others to support your position.

Should students be paid for having good grades? Use specific details and examples to convince others to support your position.

Should boys and girls be in separate classes? Use specific details and examples to convince others to support your position.

Should teenage girls and boys be allowed to get birth control without the permission of their parents? Use specific details and examples to convince others to support your position.

Is it appropriate for students and teachers to be friends on Facebook?
Use specific details and examples to convince others to support your position.

Should high school students have to complete community service hours to graduate? Use specific details and examples to convince others to support your position.

Should teens over 13 years of age be allowed into R rated movies? Use specific details and examples to convince others to support your position.

Should teachers have to wear uniforms or have a dress code? Use specific details and examples to convince others to support your position.