

Persuasive Essay

- **Prompt:** The local school committee is seeking ideas to improve your school. These ideas will be discussed during meetings with students, teachers, parents, administrators, and other interested parties. The changes proposed by students will be seriously considered since students are the reason for the schools existence. Choose one change that might improve your school for all students. Write a persuasive essay explaining why your suggested change is an improvement. Give at least three reasons to support your suggestion.
- **Length:** No shorter than 5 paragraphs.
- **Prewriting: Mandatory.** You must use the “columns” type for this first essay. In addition, use the note-taking handout for persuasive techniques and types of support.

- **Introduction:**

- Use at least one of the nine ways to begin an essay to help with the interest factor .

- Make sure Mrs. Hartnett has approved your thesis statement.

- 5 to 6 sentences average length

- **Body paragraphs:**

1. Use the 11 sentence paragraph rubric. You may not make changes to it.
2. USE THE STYLE BUILDER LIST TO HELP YOU.

- **Format choice:**

- a. BP 1: Your viewpoint on the issue.
- b. BP 2: The opposing side’s viewpoint
- c. Solution/compromise

OR

- a. BP 1: Reason/explanation 1
- b. BP 2: Reason/explanation 2
- c. BP 3: Reason/explanation 3

- **Conclusion:**

- 1.Remember, this is your last chance to make your point, appeal to the reader’s sympathy, etc.
- 2.Wrap it up; give the reader a feeling of closure.

3. Don't repeat! Remind him/her of the thesis, but reword it.

- **Requirements:**

1. **First draft must be typed and is due no later than Monday, October 2nd.**
2. **It MUST be typed: 2X spaced.**
3. **If you need to use a computer at school, YOU MUST COME TO SCHOOL EARLY TO ACCESS A COMPUTER IN SCHOOL. *THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!***