

5th Grade Persuasive Writing Prompts

Choose one of the following prompts to write a persuasive paper about. Follow the guidelines of the rubric, and use the persuasion map to help in the writing process.

Choose one –

1. Your school principal is considering whether or not to require students to wear school uniforms. Take a stand for what you believe in by writing a letter to the principal persuading him that this is a bad idea. Or, you can persuade other students that do not like the idea that it is a great idea.
2. The cafeteria food at your school keeps getting worse and worse. You want to do something about it, but you just do not know what to do. Write a letter persuading the school principal that something needs to be done to improve the quality of the cafeteria food.
3. There is something you really want to have, (a puppy, an allowance, video game, cell phone, credit card, etc.) but your parents just will not buy it for you. Persuade your parents that you need this item.
4. Your school principal is considering whether or not to have year-round school. Take a stand for what you believe in by writing a letter to the principal persuading him that this is a bad idea. Or, you can persuade other students that do not like the idea that this is a great idea.
5. President Bush currently supports the use of eavesdropping on phone conversations in the name of safety and fighting terrorism. Are you willing to give up your right to privacy, or do you think this is a violation of your rights? Persuade a target audience of your choice how you feel about the issue.
6. Your local school principal is considering whether not to require students to wear seat belts on the school bus. Take a stand for what you believe in. Choose a target audience. For example, persuade other students or parents that this is a great idea. Or, persuade the school principal that this is a bad idea.