

Getting Ready to Write: Persuasive Essay Organizer

Gathering Evidence

What is a persuasive essay? A persuasive essay is an essay that convinces someone to change behavior or practice.

What do I have to do as a writer in a persuasive essay? I need to convince my audience using reasons to believe what I want them to believe so they will change something.

Topic	Audience	Reasons/Evidence/Support
What am I interested in changing?	Who am I trying to persuade? What kinds of arguments will appeal to this audience.	What reasons or evidence or support will I need to use to persuade my audience? (at least 4)
I want to change my bedtime. My statement: I don't think I should have to go to bed at the same time as my younger brother and sister do.	My parents and grandmother Reasons tied to school Reasons tied to my age Reasons tied to responsibility	I should be able to stay up later than the twins because I am two years older. I have more homework than they have and it takes me longer to do it so I need more time. Because I have more homework, I have less time to get my stuff ready for the next day or relax after a hard day of school than they do. I would like to be able to read or practice piano during the week but I can't because I have no time because of homework and the very strict bedtime. Because I am older than the twins, I have more responsibility around the house so I should also have more rewards.