

PERSUASIVE WRITING SUPPLEMENTS

These resources are meant to be used with the VA DOE writing lesson for 3-5 “Lesson Skill: Persuasive Writing” from the English Enhanced Scope and Sequence.
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/english/2010/lesson_plans/index.shtml

Mentor Texts for Persuasive Writing

HEY LITTLE ANT by Phillip and Anna Hoose, illustrations by Debbie Tilley
I WANNA NEW ROOM by Karen Kaufman Orloff, illustrated by David Catrow
A PIG PARADE IS A TERRIBLE IDEA by Michael Ian Black, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes

Opinion articles from Scholastic News or other kids’ news magazines

Resources Online

Read Write Think Lesson: Can You Convince Me: Developing Persuasive Writing
<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/convince-developing-persuasive-writing-56.html>

- I use the PowerPoint, the Persuasion Map, and the Check the Strategies Sheet

Tips

- 1) Introduce some of the persuasive writing techniques through Read Write Think’s resources
- 2) Relate some of these persuasive writing techniques to commercials, print ads, etc.
- 3) Read one or more of the mentor texts. Check to see what type of persuasive techniques they used.
- 4) Have students use the persuasion map to brainstorm ideas for their own persuasive writing piece. If students need additional support, provide possible topics for them (see attached).
- 5) Students can write their pieces using their persuasion map as a blueprint.
- 6) After writing their drafts, have students pair up and identify what persuasion techniques were used from the strategies sheet.

PERSUASIVE WRITING TOPICS

<p>Your next door neighbor doesn't recycle because they don't have curbside pickup. You want them to recycle. Write a short persuasive piece addressing their concerns but still trying to persuade them to recycle.</p>	<p>Your mom is concerned about you spending too much time on an electronic device (gaming system, iPad, iPod touch, or computer—pick a device of your choice). Write a persuasive piece explaining why she should let you have time to play or work on this device.</p>
<p>It's really cold outside, but you really want to wear shorts. Write a persuasive piece explaining why you should be allowed to wear shorts.</p>	<p>Your best friend's family has invited you to go to Europe with them. Your mom and dad are not sure they should let you go, but you really, really want to go. Write a persuasive piece explaining why you want to and why they should let you.</p>
<p>You would like to get a pet, but your parents are not convinced you should be allowed to. Write a persuasive piece explaining why you should be allowed to get a pet.</p>	<p>Your sister wants to get her ears pierced, and she wants you to do it as well. Your parents say it's okay, but you don't want to do it. Write a persuasive piece explaining why you don't want to.</p>
<p>Other ideas:</p>	<p>Other ideas:</p>