

Persuasive Writing and Point of View Pack

Teacher Notes:

1. Introduce your class to the topics below, and have the students choose a topic they wish to write about.
2. Students will then gather their ideas by creating a mind map, before planning and writing a persuasive essay about the topic they selected.
3. Once all students have written their essays, they will trade essays with another student in the class. Students may trade with another student who wrote about the same topic or a different topic.
4. Students will read their classmate's persuasive essay and complete the graphic organizer comparing their point of view to that of their classmate. They can agree or disagree with specific arguments in their classmate's essay.

Topics:

- Should students be required to wear uniforms?
- Does a cat or a dog make a better pet?
- Should teachers give tests to students?
- Should schools stop serving desserts in the cafeteria?
- Should homework be banned?
- Should students be allowed to use cell phones at school?
- Should the driving age be changed to 21?
- Should all restaurants serve healthy food only?