

# STUDENT WRITING CHECKLIST GRADE 6 - 8 PERSUASIVE ESSAY

Use this checklist to help you plan, write, revise and edit your persuasive essay.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR YOUR PERSUASIVE ESSAY

- Establishes and develops a controlling idea
- Supports arguments with detailed evidence
- Includes persuasive techniques
- Excludes irrelevant information
- Attributes sources of information when appropriate (grade 7 & 8)

### IDEAS AND CONTENT

- I use clear, focused and original ideas and details to support the topic.
- My writing is appropriate for the audience and purpose.
- I use sufficient details and examples to help the reader understand my message.
- My writing shows my point of view.

### ORGANIZATION

- My introduction makes a reader want to keep on reading.
- I organize details in a way that they make sense.
- I place details appropriately to support the main idea.
- I use smooth transitions between sentences, ideas and paragraphs.
- My paper ends with a sense of resolution or closure.

### VOICE

- My writing shows what I really think and feel.
- I use language appropriate for the audience, topic and purpose.

### WORD CHOICE

- I use accurate, specific and powerful words that make the meaning clear.
- My words are original, varied, and natural.
- I use literal or figurative language when appropriate.

### SENTENCE FLUENCY

- I use simple, compound and complex sentences.
- My paper sounds good when read aloud.
- I vary sentence beginnings, lengths and patterns to enhance the flow of the writing.

### CONVENTIONS

- I use paragraphs breaks appropriately.
- I use punctuation correctly.
- I use capital letters correctly.
- I spell correctly.
- I use grammar and usage rules correctly.

I have proofread my paper.