



Persuasive
Writing
Prompts

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PROMPTS TO JUMP-START
PERSUASIVE thinking!

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You are running for President of the United States. Write your campaign speech.

Write a movie review for the last movie you saw.

Should people own pets? Write an opinion piece about this topic.

Write a persuasive essay for or against school uniforms.

Should school be year-round? Write an opinion piece about this topic.

Should children be allowed to play violent video games? Write an opinion piece about this topic.

The weather report warns people to prepare for an incoming hurricane. Your neighbor says she isn't worried. What will you say to her to persuade her to take the storm seriously?

Write a letter to your teacher persuading her not to give you homework tonight.

Do cats or dogs make better pets? Write an opinion piece about this topic.

You work at an advertising company. Write an advertisement for a new bike.

Write a letter to your principal explaining why you believe recess should be longer.

Which holiday do you believe is the best? Write an opinion piece on this topic.

Are there enough healthy options for lunch at your school? Write an opinion piece about this topic.

What is the best season? Write a persuasive essay defending your opinion.

You've been asked to go on a radio show and talk about the dangers of texting and driving. What will you say?

Your neighbor is in a band. Every night, they play music very loudly while you are trying to sleep. Write a letter persuading him to stop.

Design a public service announcement discouraging people from smoking.

Your class is entering a contest to go on a field trip to the zoo for free. Write a letter persuading the judges to choose your class.

You are speaking at a recycling rally. Write a speech convincing people to recycle.

Write a book recommendation for your favorite book.

Should teachers and students be friends on facebook? Write an opinion piece about this topic.

Should gambling be legal? Write a persuasive essay defending your opinion.

You are having a yard sale. Design a flyer persuading people to come.

Write a letter to your parent or guardian explaining why you should be allowed to stay up 1 hour later.

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