



Persuasive Writing Checklist

Introduction

- 1. Did you use one or two sentences to introduce the topic?
- 2. Did you introduce your argument, issue or controversy?
- 3. Did you provide one or two sentences to show an opponents view?
- 4. Is your own opinion stated clearly?
- 5. Did you give 3 brief reasons for your opinion/position?

<u>Body</u>

- 1. Do you have a paragraph for each of your 3 reasons for your opinion?
- 2. Is each reason re-stated at the beginning of each paragraph?
- 3. Did you back up each reason with facts and opinions?
- 4. Did you include closing remarks at the end of each paragraph?

Conclusion

- 1. Did you re-state your position/opinion?
- 2. Did you finish with a solution or suggest some action that should be taken?
- 3. Did you leave the reader with a sense of ending?

<u>Overall:</u>

- 1. Does your persuasive writing sound convincing enough to change the mind of an opponent?
- 2. Did you use opinions, facts and logic?
- 3. Do you address what may be wrong with the opponent's view?
- 4. Have you really made your readers think?
- 5. Have you touched the hearts of your readers in some way?