

Persuasive Writing - Genre Drafting Template

The Prompt		Key Content	Essential Structural Elements
<p>Homework is a controversial topic in the field of education. Supporters of homework believe that it is absolutely necessary for students to practice their learning beyond the school day. Opponents of homework believe that homework is a waste of time and students should spend their free time pursuing other interests.</p> <p>Write an essay stating your opinion of homework. Make a convincing argument, presenting your opinion clearly and supporting them with facts, examples, and relevant personal experience. In your essay, you should anticipate and respond to the arguments of people who would disagree with your opinion.</p>		<p>Who is the audience?</p> <p>What is my purpose?</p> <p>What are the key ideas I must address?</p>	<p>What kind of essay is required?</p> <p>What specific components do I need to include?</p>

<p>The Introduction</p> <p><i>Which of the following “moves” will you make to open your paper?</i></p> <p>Hook your reader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledge the topic <input type="checkbox"/> State your position <input type="checkbox"/> Assert your opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Explain your position 	<p>The Language of Introduction</p> <p><i>Some people think_____.</i></p> <p><i>It has been said that _____.</i></p> <p><i>It has become common today to dismiss_____.</i></p> <p><i>_____ is ruining the world!</i></p> <p><i>Ultimately, what is at stake here is _____.</i></p> <p><i>The issue of _____ is a complex one.</i></p> <p><i>What it is about is_____.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Drafting an Introduction</p>
<p>The Initial Support</p> <p><i>Which of the following “moves” will you make to support your assertion?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Narrate someone’s experience <input type="checkbox"/> Provide evidence or examples <input type="checkbox"/> Add information <input type="checkbox"/> Clarify information <input type="checkbox"/> Compare information <input type="checkbox"/> Show a cause and effect relationship 	<p>The Language of Support</p> <p><i>An experience that supports my position is _____.</i></p> <p><i>This experience confirms that_____.</i></p> <p><i>Furthermore, _____.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, _____.</i></p> <p><i>Another example can be found in _____.</i></p> <p><i>This example explains _____.</i></p> <p><i>Similarly, _____.</i></p> <p><i>This _____ is true because _____.</i></p> <p><i>Clearly, _____.</i></p> <p><i>According to _____.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Drafting Support</p>

	Evidence can also be found in the article/film/story _____.	
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Continued Support <i>Which of the following “moves” will you make to further develop your assertion?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Narrate an experience <input type="checkbox"/> Provide evidence or examples <input type="checkbox"/> Add information <input type="checkbox"/> Clarify information <input type="checkbox"/> Compare information <input type="checkbox"/> Show a cause and effect relationship 	The Language of Support <i>This experience confirms that ____.</i> <i>Furthermore, _____.</i> <i>In addition, _____.</i> <i>Another example can be found _____.</i> <i>This example explains ____.</i> <i>To better understand the controversy _____.</i> <i>Similarly, _____.</i> <i>This ____ is true because ____.</i> <i>Clearly, _____.</i> <i>According to _____.</i> <i>Evidence can also be found in the article/film/story _____.</i>	Drafting Support
Acknowledging the Opposition <i>Which “moves” will you make to acknowledge the opposite point of view?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Summarize opposing position <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledge merit of opposing position <input type="checkbox"/> Restate your thesis <input type="checkbox"/> Compare viewpoints <input type="checkbox"/> Elaborate your position 	The Language of Counterargument <i>Although some people think _____.</i> <i>Others suggest _____.</i> <i>However, _____.</i> <i>On the other hand, _____.</i> <i>Most ____ will tell you that ____.</i> <i>_____ argues that _____.</i> <i>Nonetheless, _____.</i> <i>Despite opposition, the clear position is that _____.</i> <i>The point remains _____.</i>	Drafting Counterargument
The Conclusion <i>Which “moves” will you make to close your argument powerfully?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Restate your thesis <input type="checkbox"/> Cite previous examples 	The Language of Conclusion <i>It is essential to recognize ____.</i> <i>In closing, _____.</i> <i>On a final note, _____.</i> <i>The facts clearly indicate ____.</i> <i>It cannot be denied that ____.</i>	Drafting a Conclusion

<input type="checkbox"/> Summarize your evidence <input type="checkbox"/> Elaborate	<i>Let's remember that _____.</i> <i>Finally, _____</i>	
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