

First Grade

School-Wide Writing Assignment

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ ES's Name: _____

Persuasive Writing Assignment

Pre-Assignment Writing:

- The school website has the directions for administering this assignment. It also has the scoring rubric, persuasive writing instruction, additional practice prompts, and an optional “mock” practice writing assignment to help prepare the student for this assignment. Go to, <http://www.sscs.cc/curriculum.html>, 2010 Writing Assignment, or talk to your ES.

Directions:

- In this writing assignment, you will write one persuasive paragraph with correct paragraph formatting.

Scoring:

Your writing will be scored on how well you

- write your topic sentence,
- come up with five reasons to support your argument,
- select your three most convincing reasons,
- order your three reasons from least to most convincing,
- write those same three reasons as complete sentences,
- combine your sentences to write one persuasive paragraph with correct paragraph formatting.

Writing Task:

Writing One Persuasive Paragraph

Summer, winter, spring, and fall. Every season has its own special qualities that make it the best. Which do you think is the best season? Why do you feel it is better than the other seasons? Persuade your friend to agree that your favorite season is the best.

Prepare to write:

1. Write the topic sentence. Write something similar to, “(Season) is the best of all the seasons, and this is why I think you should agree.”
2. Write a list of five reasons to convince your friend why your season is better than the others.

3. From your list, choose three of your most convincing reasons.
4. Arrange these three reasons in order of least convincing to most convincing. Re-write your list in this new order.
5. From this ordered list, write each of the three reasons as complete sentences. When you are done with your list, you will have written a sentence for each reason, or a total of three “reason” sentences. Here are some ways you might want to write a sentence, “Every (*season*) I get to (*reason*).” Or, “(*Season*) is the best season (*reason*).”

Now write one paragraph to convince your friend that your season is the better than the others.

6. Begin to write your persuasive paragraph starting with your topic sentence.
7. Now use your ordered, pre-written “reason” sentences to write the rest of your paragraph.
8. Add a transition word to the first sentence from your list and write it in your paragraph.
9. Add a transition word to your second sentence and write it in your paragraph.
10. Add a transition word to your third sentence and write it in your paragraph.
11. You may need to change some wording in your sentences to make them read well all together.

This completes one persuasive paragraph with your reasons going from least convincing to most convincing.