

PERSUASIVE WRITING TOPIC (grades 6-8)
(Pre-assessment)

Writing Situation

School rules help keep students safe and able to concentrate on their school work. One rule that affects students is the dress code. Your principal is considering changing the school's dress code and wants some information from the students. Decide how you would change your school's dress code.

Directions for Writing

Write an essay to convince your principal to change your school's dress code. Be sure to include detailed reasons and examples.

PERSUASIVE WRITING TOPIC (grade 5)
(Pre-assessment)

Your teacher has just posted the sign below. What animal do you think would be the best classroom pet? Why? Write a letter to persuade your teacher to buy the pet of your choice for the classroom.

WANTED:
Classroom Pet

Mid-Year Assessment (grades 5-8)

Writing Situation

The local school community is seeking to improve your school. These ideas will be discussed during meetings with students, teachers, parents, administrators, and other interested parties. The changes proposed by students will be seriously considered since the students are the reason for the school's existence. Choose one change that might improve your school for all students.

Directions for Writing:

Write a **persuasive essay** explaining why your suggested change is an improvement. Give at least three reasons to support your suggestion.

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Directions for Writing:

Write an essay stating and describing the problem. Propose and explain solutions to the problem. Include details so that the community will understand the problem and the proposed solutions.