

# Persuasive

Persuasive writing is a powerful form of writing. Its purpose is to influence the reader to change the way he or she thinks or acts. The writer attempts to convince the reader, through argument or persuasion, to believe or do as the writer desires. In persuasive writing, the author states and supports an opinion, then tries to sway the reader into agreement and perhaps into action.

There are a variety of persuasive writing prompts that ask students to think about and review material before writing. They also ask students to write persuasive letters as well as letters to the editor. In addition, there are prompts in the form of editorials. Remind students that persuasive writing is meant to persuade others using a polite and respectful tone.



## Narrative

Think about an ordinary day in the summer for you. How do you spend your time? What is your schedule? What is your favorite thing to do in the summer? What do you wish you had more time to do? Write a story about one of your typical days in the summer.



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Think of a job or profession that you would like to have some day. What if you could try it today? Write a persuasive letter, to a person you know who already has this job, that would encourage this person to let you spend a day on the job with him or her. Why would this be good for the both of you?



## Poetry

Think of an amusement park ride you have gone on recently. How did it feel? Would you go again? Write an acrostic poem that describes your experience. Write the name of the ride down the left side of the page, and write a word for each letter of the ride's name that describes it. If you can't remember the name of the ride, then think of a word this ride reminds you of and write an acrostic poem for this word.

