
PERSUASIVE ESSAY

WHAT?

Persuasive writing is writing that tries to convince a reader to do something or to believe what you believe about a certain topic.

PURPOSE

- **Support cause**
 - **Urge people to action**
 - **Make a change**
 - **Prove something wrong or true**
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PRE WRITING

Know your audience

Who will read your writing? Who do you need to convince?

The audience may be your friends, your teacher, your parents, your boss, or the readers of a newspaper!

Will you be graded? On What?

Should you be casual or professional?

PRE WRITING

Pick a side

The writer must clearly state his position and stay with that position.

Generally, the position is stated in the opening paragraph or introduction. (*This is your opinion sentence*)

PRE WRITING

Make a plan, then write

- 1. Introduction/Hook/Thesis**
 - 2. Body 1 with support**
 - 3. Body 2 with support**
 - 4. Show the counter-argument and make an argument against it**
 - 5. Conclusion**
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INTRODUCTION

The hook

The writer provides a personal experience or made-up situation to introduce the position.

The writer gives an interesting piece of information to grab the reader's attention.

You could begin with a strong statement

You could start with a fact or statistic

You could start with a question

Open with outrageous statement

BODY

The supporting paragraphs

First reason with specific examples.

Second reason with specific examples.

Third reason with specific examples.

CONCLUSION

Wraps up the writing

Summarize your main points.

End using one or more of the following strategies:

- Call the reader to action**
- provide a solution**
- Make a Prediction**

The last paragraph wraps up the writing and gives the reader something to think about.

A game is an opportunity to focus our energy, with relentless optimism, at something we're good at (or getting better at) and enjoy. In other words, gameplay is the direct emotional opposite of depression.

They're fun.

Video games foster the mindset that allows creativity to grow. Video games are fun. You're introduced to a whole new game, with a whole new story. You get to discover new things. It's exciting and encourages creative thinking.

Game will sharpen our survival skills.

There are plenty of skills I've learned from playing video games. It's more interactive than watching TV, because there are problems to solve as you're using your brain.

Game will prepare us for the work world

Some people say video games rot your brain, but I think they work different muscles that maybe you don't normally use. You use parts of your brain that you probably wouldn't on a regular day.

In conclusion, there can be no doubt that spending too much time gaming isn't good for you. You don't have to stop all together, but it's all about moderation.
