

Persuasive WRITING ORGANIZER

NAME: _____

First Reason and Details

Transition Word: _____

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Second Reason and Details

Transition Word: _____

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Persuade the School Board that you should be allowed to go to Crater Lake to learn science.

TOPIC SENTENCE: (opinion)

Introductory Paragraph:

- 1.
- 2.

Third Reason and Details

Transition Word _____

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Conclusion: Opinion restated and action requested

Transition Word: _____

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

PERSUASIVE WRITING

Remember:

1. **Topic is limited in scope** (YES: I want to stay up later vs. NO: I want to drive the car).
2. **Topic is debatable (not whineable)** – i.e. there are at least two sides to the argument and you know or can find out both sides and objectively debate them – Pets should be kept on leashes vs. Pets should roam the neighborhood.
3. **Take a stand.**
4. **Persuade the reader to take the same stand with logical arguments.**

PERSUASIVE WRITING - Your paper needs to include:

- **Audience** – who are you trying to convince
- **Opinion** – Introduction
 1. your opinion on the topic is stated
 2. opposing opinion is stated
- **Reasons** – 3 reasons, 3 paragraphs
 1. your reasons
 2. opposing reasons
 3. are in logical order
- **Details**
 1. support reasons
 2. give several examples
- **Transition words** show order (1st, 2nd, etc.)
- **Emotional words** (not whiny words) – show how you feel and sway the reader
- **Conclusion**
 1. restates opinion
 2. requests action