

Fifth Grade Persuasive Writing Prompts January 2011

Choose one (1) of the following writing prompts:

Writing Prompt #1

Writing Situation:

Your teacher wants your class to choose the next field trip. You can go anywhere in the world for as long as you would like.

Writing Directions:

Write a speech to convince your class and teacher that your field trip is the one to take. Include specific details to explain why your field trip would be the best.

(Georgia DOE 2005)

Writing Prompt #2

Writing Situation:

Your school principal is interested in student feedback on ways to make the school a better place. He has asked for your ideas.

Writing Directions:

Write a letter to your principal describing your idea and why it would make a change for the good.

Student Writing Checklist for Persuasive Writing

Prepare Yourself to Write

- Read the writing topic carefully.
- Brainstorm for ideas.
- Decide what ideas to include and how to organize them.
- Write only in English.

Make Your Paper Meaningful

- Use your knowledge and/or personal experiences that are related to the topic.
- Express a clear point of view.
- Use details, examples, and reasons to support your view.
- Organize your ideas in a clear order.
- Write a persuasive paper and stay on topic.

Make Your Paper Interesting to Read

- Think about what would be interesting to the reader.
- Use a lively writing voice that holds the interest of your reader.
- Use descriptive words.
- Use different types of sentences.

Make Your Paper Easy to Read

- Write in paragraph form.
- Use transition words.
- Write in complete and correct sentences.
- Capitalize, spell, and punctuate correctly.
- Make sure your subjects and verbs agree.