

The Writing Checklist

Student Writing Checklist for Persuasive Writing

Prepare Yourself to Write

- Read the Writing Situation and Directions for Writing carefully.
- Brainstorm for ideas.
- Consider how to address your audience.
- 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.
- Fully support your position with specific details, examples, and convincing reasons.
- Include an appeal to logic and/or emotions.
- Organize your ideas in a clear and logical order.
- Write a persuasive paper and stay on topic.

Make Your Paper Interesting to Read

- Use examples and details that would be convincing to your audience.
- Use appropriate voice that shows your interest in the topic.
- Use precise, descriptive, vivid words.
- Vary the type, structure, and length of your sentences.
- Use effective transitions.

Edit and Revise Your Paper

- Consider rearranging your ideas and changing words to make your paper better.
- Add additional information or details to make your paper complete.
- Proofread your paper for usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.