

Persuasive Essay Choice Board

<p>Writing Situation: The principal at your school has instituted random locker and backpack/book bag searches to check for guns, knives, and other weapons. Anyone caught with these weapons will be immediately suspended. The principal argues that the random searches will not only guard against illegal weapons at school but will also will help students feel safer.</p> <p>Consider carefully the advantages and disadvantages of random searches at school. Do you agree or disagree with this policy?</p> <p>Directions for Writing: Now, write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper stating your position and supporting it with convincing reasons.</p>	<p>Writing Situation: Your local school board is seeking ideas to improve your school. These ideas will be discussed during meetings with students, teachers, parents, administrators, and other interested parties. The changes proposed by students will be seriously considered since students are the reason for the schools existence.</p> <p>Choose one change that might improve your school for all students.</p> <p>Directions for Writing: Write a persuasive essay explaining why your suggested change will be an improvement for your school. Give at reasons to support your suggestion.</p>	<p>Writing Situation: In some countries, students are responsible for the basic daily cleaning of their school buildings. Fifteen minutes are set aside each day for all students to sweep, dust, and clean their classrooms and corridors.</p> <p>Think about how you would feel if students were responsible for cleaning your school. Do you agree or disagree that American schools should adopt this policy?</p> <p>Directions for Writing: Now, write an essay in which you persuade the reader why this is or is not a good idea. Defend your position with specific reasons supported by several detailed examples.</p>
<p>Writing Situation: The mayor of your city is trying to decide if a 7:00 p.m. curfew for those under the age of 16 is needed. What do you think?</p> <p>Think about the advantages and disadvantages of the curfew. Do you agree or disagree with this plan?</p> <p>Directions for Writing: Write a persuasive essay to the mayor to convince him to enact or not to enact, the curfew. Give reasons to support your position.</p>	<p>Writing Situation: Suppose that, due to budget cuts in your community, the school board has decided to eliminate one of the following services in your school: 1) new computers 2) field trips 3) art and music education 4) library services</p> <p>Everyone has a preference depending on his or her particular interest. If it were up to you, which service would you eliminate?</p> <p>Directions for Writing: Now write a persuasive essay stating which service you would eliminate giving reasons to support your selection.</p>	<p>Writing Situation: Many people feel Americans are too concerned with material goods.</p> <p>Think about your opinion on this issue. Do you feel Americans are too materialistic?</p> <p>Directions for Writing: Write a persuasive essay stating whether you think Americans are too concerned with material goods. Give at reasons to support your opinion.</p>
<p>Writing Situation: One of the biology teachers at your school has decided to change from a ten-point grade scale (100 to 90 is an A, 89 to 80 is a B, etc.) to a seven-point grade scale (100 to 93 is an A, 92 to 85 is a B, etc.). The teacher is trying to encourage students to put more effort into their classes by raising the requirements.</p> <p>Consider the advantages and/or disadvantages of this action. What is your position on this issue?</p> <p>Directions for Writing: Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper stating your position and supporting it with convincing reasons.</p>	<p>Writing Situation: Have you ever heard this statement, "Life was easier for teenagers 50 years ago than it is for teenagers today." Do you agree or disagree?</p> <p>Think about how a teenager's life today compares with life 50 years ago.</p> <p>Directions for Writing: Write a persuasive essay stating whether you agree or disagree with the statement.</p>	<p>Writing Situation: Some of the parents at your school have started a campaign to limit the homework that teachers can assign to students. Teachers at your school have argued that the homework is necessary.</p> <p>What is your position? Do you think homework should be limited?</p> <p>Directions for Writing: Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper stating your position and supporting it with convincing reasons.</p>