

ARGUMENT WRITING

Gun Control

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Argumentative Prompt

"Argument is meant to reveal the truth, not to create it."

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Bill of Rights
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How to Write an Argumentative Essay

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ARGUMENTATIVE RUBRIC

Category	Proficient	Emerging	Not Yet Demonstrated
Content	9-10 pts	7-8 pts	6-7 pts
Organization	9-10 pts	7-8 pts	6-7 pts
Style	9-10 pts	7-8 pts	6-7 pts
Conventions	9-10 pts	7-8 pts	6-7 pts

Argumentative Graphic Organizer

Claim - What do I think?

Reasons - Why do I think that?

Reason 1

Reason 2

Reason 3

Conclusion / Summary

Opposing Argument

Weakness of Opposing Argument

Evidence - How do I know that?

Evidence 1 A

Evidence 1 B

Evidence 2 A

Evidence 2 B

Evidence 3 A

Evidence 3 B


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PowerPoint

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Prompt:

Read the following prompt & write an essay based on the instructions. The grade will be based on the rubric following the prompt.

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Gather Ideas!

Think about the issues and reasoning on both sides of the gun control debate.

Pro - Gun Control → Con - Gun Control

Once you have gathered several ideas on both sides, decide which information is the strongest. Then, move on to develop your **thesis statement**.

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Thesis Statement

Use your ideas to develop a strong **Thesis Statement**.

Without a doubt, stricter gun control laws should **(not)** be implemented because _____, and _____.

Without a doubt, stricter gun control laws should **(not)** be implemented.


Revise:
Did you choose the best ideas?
Are there any words you can replace with stronger word choices?

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Introduction Paragraph

PURPOSE:

To set up and state the writer's opinion



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Writing the Essay Introduction



PARAGRAPH ELEMENTS:

- ✓ Draw your readers in with a fascinating **Grabber**.
(Quote, Creative Hook, Definition, Interesting Question, Riddle, Personal Experience, Opinion)
- ✓ Background information the reader needs to know in order to understand your opinion.

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Writing the Essay Introduction cont.



PARAGRAPH ELEMENTS continued:

- ✓ Present an **opposing viewpoint** in the form of a complex sentence beginning with a **subordinate clause**.
Example (**Although many people believe _____, I disagree.**)
- ✓ End with a **thesis statement** (either **regular** or **implied**).

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1st Body Paragraph

PURPOSE:

To prove the writer's opinion



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Writing the Essay 1st Body Paragraph



PARAGRAPH ELEMENTS:

- ✍ **Topic Sentence:** Begin with a time order transition (First of all, To begin with, Initially, To begin, In the first place, etc.) This sentence is the main idea of the paragraph. It helps the readers better understand this topic.
- ✍ **Explain Topic Sentence:** If you need to explain your topic sentence, do so here.

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Writing the Essay 1st Body Paragraph continued



PARAGRAPH ELEMENTS continued:

- ✍ **Introduce Evidence:** Introduce your evidence with a transitional device. (For example, For instance, A perfect example of this is, This reminds me of, Recently, I read, One such instance, I am reminded of, Just the other day, etc.) followed by a complete sentence detailing the **evidence**.

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Writing the Essay 1st Body Paragraph continued



PARAGRAPH ELEMENTS continued:

- ✍ **State Evidence:** Expand on the supporting evidence (reasons, examples, facts, statistics, and/or quotations) and how it proves/supports/explains your topic sentence.
- ✍ **Explain Evidence:** The evidence proves the point you are trying to make in this paragraph. This section is often at least 1-3 sentences.

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Writing the Essay
1st Body Paragraph
continued



PARAGRAPH ELEMENTS continued:

- ✍ **Concluding Sentence:** Begin with a Justifier Transition (Without a doubt, Obviously, Clearly, Indeed, Thus, etc.). End your paragraph with a concluding sentence that reasserts the topic sentence of this paragraph.

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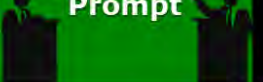
2nd, 3rd, etc. Body Paragraphs
PURPOSE:

To prove the writer's opinion



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Writing the Essay
2nd, 3rd, etc.
Body Paragraphs

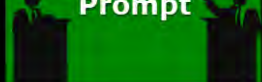


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Body Paragraphs cont.



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Conclusion Paragraph

PURPOSE:

To remind readers of your argument and supporting evidence



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Writing the Essay

Conclusion



PARAGRAPH ELEMENTS:

- ✍ **Begin with a summation transition** (To conclude, In summation, To summarize, In conclusion, etc.) and a different type of thesis statement from the first paragraph (Thesis in two sentences regular, implied).
- ✍ **Restates your paper's overall opinion and supporting evidence.**

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Writing the Essay Conclusion cont.



PARAGRAPH ELEMENTS continued:

✍ End with referencing the type of **Grabber** you used in the introduction.

(Quote, Creative Hook, Definition, Riddle, Interesting Question, Personal Experience, Opinion)

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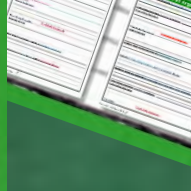
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Rubric



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- ☑ Objective/Goals
- ☑ Guided Practice
- ☑ Differentiation
- ☑ Enrichment Activities
- ☑ I Can Statement
- ☑ Essential Question
- ☑ CCSS
- ☑ ESE & ELL Strategies
- ☑ Includes 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12^h

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Informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Range of Writing: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.9-10.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (e.g., a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

Conventions of Standard English: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.9-10.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, and mechanics.

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Common Core State Standards (highlighted)

*It is important to note that a typical lesson will cover many of these standards, however, only the standards which cover the focus of the lesson are highlighted. The teacher may wish to highlight additional standards based on how the lesson is taught in his/her particular classroom.

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Lesson Title: Gun Control

Instructional Focus: The students will complete an Argumentative Essay in response to a prompt. The completed essay should use the Writing Process and have a rough draft and final draft. The prompt will include the aspects of an Argumentative Essay. Students will incorporate all aspects of a well thought out and thorough Argumentative Essay, making sure to meet all requirements set forth in the prompt.

Objectives: Make a class set of the student worksheet or one per student, teacher's discretion. Present assignment after the concept has been thoroughly discussed in class and the video has been watched.

Direct Instruction: The objective of this lesson is to incorporate specific details in Argumentative writing. These details should support the point of view of the essay and provide a clear stand or position on the topic. It is essential to provide evidence to support the point of view the author chooses. The major goals of the Argumentative Essay are to develop a clear position, assemble evidence in support of that point of view, and taking a clear and defined stand.

Guided Practice: The teacher will pass out the prompt and discuss the prompt with the students if needed. The video included with the lesson should be shown to the students after watching the video, the teacher can present the lesson and focus in on specific details of essay writing. The students should take notes during the brainstorming discussion to begin developing their rough draft. It is important to stress that the method for writing an Argumentative Essay section in the PowerPoint to help students outline their essay. Have students refer to their rubric and graphic organizer when writing out. This will provide instruction on all aspects of writing the essay.

Enrichment Activities: The teacher can use the presentation to help the students brainstorm ideas and develop a thesis statement. It is important to stress that the two methods presented are not the only way to write a thesis. These are used to help students get a basic idea of how to structure a thesis. Both a standard and an implied thesis are shown. Additionally, the teacher has the option of using as few or as many as needed. The developing a rough draft. It is important to stress that the method for writing the essay is not the only method to write an essay.

Differentiation: Save this essay to be used in the students' writing portfolios. Periodically, have them revise certain aspects of it so they become more competent with the writing skills and reading skills being taught. Specific revision ideas for this essay can include: how your students identify the sentence structure of each sentence in the essay and determine how they can improve the overall flow of the essay by rewriting a paragraph, complex and compound (complex) that could be improved and, using a thesaurus, choose words that will "paint a picture" in the reader's mind, 3) cite evidence from a text - choose one supporting idea and find evidence that will support that idea. Use a transitional element to introduce the evidence and make sure to use quotation marks if needed. This can include incorporating metaphors, similes, idioms, etc. 5) Present an opposing viewpoint. This is often required in CCSS.

I Can Statement: I can write an Argumentative Essay incorporating evidence of the Six Traits of Writing.

Essential Question: What makes an Argumentative Essay effective?

Resources: Video Presentation, Rubric, Graphic Organizer, PowerPoint

Student Worksheet

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students to
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How to Write an Argumentative Essay

Introduction Paragraph

Type of

Grabber

Notes

Background Information

Opposing Viewpoint

Although many people believe _____,
I disagree.

Thesis Statement

First Body Paragraph

Time Order Transition

Topic Sentence

Explain Topic Sentence (link to supporting evidence)

Introduce Supporting Evidence with Transitional Device

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How to Write an Argumentative Essay

Notes to State and Explain Evidence (Reason, Example, Fact, Statistic, Quote)

Concluding Sentence Justifier Transition

Concluding Sentence

Second Body Paragraph

Time Order Transition

Topic Sentence

Explain Topic Sentence (link to supporting evidence)

Introduce Supporting Evidence with Transitional Device

Notes to State and Explain Evidence (Reason, Example, Fact, Statistic, Quote)

Concluding Sentence Justifier Transition

Concluding Sentence

Third Body Paragraph

Transition

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(link to supporting evidence)

Evidence with Transitional Device

Introduce Evidence (Reason, Example, Fact, Statistic, Quote)

Justifier Transition

Conclusion Paragraph

Summation Transition
Different Type of Thesis

Restate Overall Opinion

Reference Specific Grabber Used

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Rubric / Graphic Organizer

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ARGUMENTATIVE RUBRIC				
	Exemplary 100%	Proficient 86%	Emerging 73%	Not Yet Demonstrated 60%
Introduction/Thesis Background/History Defining the Problem Thesis Statement 15 Points Student Total	Well-developed introduction engages the reader and creates interest. Contains detailed background information and a clear explanation of the problem. Thesis clearly states a significant and compelling position.	Introduction creates interest and contains background information. Thesis clearly states a problem and the writer's position is evident.	Introduction adequately explains the background of the problem, but may lack clarity. Thesis states a problem, but writer's position may not be evident.	Background details are a random collection of information, are unclear, and may be loosely related to the topic. Thesis/position is vague or not stated.
	15 pts.	13 pts.	11 pts.	9 pts.
Argumentative Points Body Paragraphs Refutation Conclusion 40 Points Student Total	Well-developed argument points directly support the writer's thesis / position. Supporting examples are concrete and detailed. Commentary is logical and well-thought-out. Refutation acknowledges opposing viewpoints clearly. Conclusion revisits the thesis in a new way.	Most argumentative points are related to the thesis, but one may lack sufficient support or deviates from thesis. Refutation acknowledges opposing viewpoint(s) with some logic and clarity. Conclusion summarizes thesis and key points with some "fresh" commentary present.	More than one argument point lacks sufficient details and support. Writer attempts to address one or more opposing arguments, but does not refute the opposition clearly or adequately. Conclusion mirrors introduction too closely, with little or no new commentary on the writer's thesis / position.	Most argumentative points are poorly developed. Refutation is missing or vague. Commentary is not present. Conclusion does not re-visit the thesis or summarize key argumentative point(s).
	40 pts.	34 pts.	29 pts.	24 pts.
Organization Structure Transitions 15 Points Student Total	Logical progression of ideas with a clear structure that enhances the thesis. Transitions are smooth and provide coherence between and among ideas.	Logical progression of ideas. Transitions are present throughout essay and provide adequate coherence between and among ideas.	Organization is clear. Transitions are present, but may not lend to coherence between and among ideas.	No discernible organization. Transitions are not present.
	15 pts.	13 pts.	11 pts.	9 pts.
Style & Conventions Syntax (sentence variety & "flow") Diction (word choice) Tone Spelling, punctuation, & capitalization 20 Points Student Total	Writing is smooth, skillful, and coherent. Sentences are strong and expressive with varied structure. Diction is consistent and words are well-chosen. The tone is highly consistent with writer's position / thesis and appropriate throughout essay. Punctuation, spelling, & capitalization are accurate with few or no errors.	Writing is clear and sentences have some varied structure. Diction is appropriate. Tone is generally consistent with writer's position / thesis and appropriate throughout essay. Punctuation, spelling, & capitalization are generally accurate, with some errors.	Writing is clear, but sentences may lack variety. Diction is sometimes inconsistent and/or inappropriate at various points in essay. Tone may be inconsistent with writer's position / thesis. Several errors in punctuation, spelling, & capitalization distract reader.	Writing is confusing and hard to follow. Contains fragments and/or run-on sentences. Diction is inappropriate and inconsistent throughout essay. Tone of piece is highly inconsistent with writer's position / thesis. Many errors in punctuation, spelling, & capitalization distract reader.
	20 pts.	17 pts.	15 pts.	12 pts.
Sources Use of Sources Format Relevance/Reliability 10 Points Student Total	Evidence from sources is smoothly and logically integrated into essay and serves to add credibility & insight into writer's position / thesis. All sources are cited accurately and are highly relevant and reliable.	Evidence from source(s) is integrated into the text. Most sources are cited accurately and are generally relevant and reliable.	Some source material is used and may or may not lend credibility to writer's position/thesis. Several sources may not be cited accurately. Relevance and reliability may be questionable.	Few or no source material is used. Source citations are not evident or may be highly inaccurate. Relevance and/or reliability are strongly in question.
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