

Writing Activity 22: Persuasive Paper

Step Follow along as the persuasive piece below is read aloud.

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Keesha Smith for Student Council Representative

My name is Keesha Smith, and I am running for Student Council. I think that I would be a good Student Council representative for the students of our school.

I have new and interesting ideas on how we could make improvements in our school. First, I would like to petition the school board to use some of the money from the spring fundraiser to buy new computers for the library. I believe students need to be able to work with computers as much as possible before they go to high school. Second, I would like to start a school newspaper club. All students would be invited to join the club. The newspaper would be a good way to promote the positive things going on in our school. It would also help to keep everyone informed.

Another reason I feel that I would be a good representative on Student Council is I get along well with most people in school, including teachers and other school employees. This would make it easy for me to talk with people about the changes and ideas that I have. I am outgoing and caring, and I will make sure I listen to everyone's ideas. I think that an important part of being on Student Council is listening to the ideas and concerns of students in our school. I promise to bring all those ideas and suggestions to the Student Council's attention. I will work together with other members of the Student Council to make our school the best that it can be.

I have been going to this school since I was in first grade, so I know pretty well how things work around here. I know that Student Council is an important part of our school, and I believe I would be a good representative for the student body. Please keep the name Keesha Smith in mind when you vote for Student Council representatives next week.



Step Now you will do some organizing and planning for your own persuasive paper. Remember that a good persuasive paper has the following parts:

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- a statement of your opinion
- support for your opinion with facts and statements
- a conclusion that restates your opinion (it may include a suggestion for what needs to be done)

Step Use the following prompt to complete the prewriting and writing activities:

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Choose an important issue facing your school or family. Write a persuasive paper that will convince the reader to agree with your opinion.

Step Complete the graphic organizer for a persuasive paper as your prewriting activity. Use your graphic organizer to help you think through your persuasive paper

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PERSUASIVE PAPER

Title: _____

Introductory Paragraph (State your opinion.)

Reason #1:

Reason #2:

Reason #3:

Concluding Paragraph