**Topics for Persuasive Writing**

**You may use one on this list to do your research over and write your paper or be inspired by these questions to come up with a unique one of your own. You will be spending a lot of time with this topic, so be sure you are interested and understand it. If you want to research a topic of your own, you must get it approved by your teacher.**

**1. Book Banning -** Should books ever be banned from schools?

**2 Video Games -** Are video games good or bad for kids?

**3 Football** - Should kids play tackle football?

**4. Homework Help** - Should schools have homework?

**5. Junk Food -** Should schools ban the sale of junk food?

**6. Later School -** Should school start later in the day?

**7.** **Adopt or Shop** - Should you adopt or buy your pet?

**8. Social Media** – Should kids under 13 be allowed to have a social media account?

**9. School Sports -** Should sports be a part of school curriculum?

**10. School Uniforms -** Are school uniforms a good idea?

**11. Teacher Pay -** Should teachers be paid more?

**12. Cell Phones in School**- should schools ban cell phones for students?

When you choose a topic consider:

Is this something you are REALLY interested in? You will be researching this topic and then writing a persuasive paper, so be sure you are willing to spend WEEKS with this topic.

Will you be able to find good, credible information about your topic? You will need to do research and incorporate that information into your paper.

Can you present a counter argument for your topic? A good persuasive paper will have an opposing view point and then disprove that opinion. Can you effectively disprove or weaken the counter-argument?

**Pre-research: Go to a credible site and see what you can find before you choose.**

Topic I am interested in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My claim would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Support for my claim includes: Opposition to my claim includes:

Reason 1

Reason 2

I can disprove it with...

Is there enough evidence (2 strong reasons) about this topic? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Can you present a counter argument? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to continue with this topic or choose another one? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_