**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 that is not on this list, you must get it approved by your teacher first.**

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

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

**3. Animals in Sports -** Is using animals in sport too cruel? (horse racing, bull fighting, etc)

**4. Single Gender Schools -** Do kids learn better in boy or girl only schools?

**5. Drug Testing in Schools -** Should schools drug test student-athletes ?

**6. School Privacy -** Should schools be allowed to block cell phone service?

**7. Football** - Should kids play tackle football?

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

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

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

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

**12. Helmets -** Should cyclists be required to wear helmets?

**13. Community Service** Should student be required to do community service to graduate?

**14. Online/Home School** - Should students be allowed to go to school over the Internet?

**15. Plastic Bags -** Should we ban all plastic bags?

**16. Posting Pics** - Is sharing information online dangerous for kids?

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

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

**19. Trampolines -** Do you think the risks with trampolines outweigh the benefits?

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

**21. Cell Phones in School**- Should schools ban cell phones for students?

**22.** **Wait until 8** – Should children wait until 8th grade to get a smart phone?

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.

**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...

Reason 3

Is there enough evidence (3 strong reasons) about this topic? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Can you disprove the counter argument? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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