

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to understand the basics of persuasive writing and will create their own persuasive piece on a topic they care about. They will learn to structure their arguments, use persuasive language, and identify their audience.

Materials and Prep

- Paper
- Pencil or pen
- A quiet space to write
- Time for brainstorming and writing

Before the lesson, think about some topics you feel strongly about. This could be anything from "Why we should have more recess" to "Why dogs make the best pets!"

Activities

- **Brainstorming Session:**

Start by brainstorming topics you are passionate about. Write down at least three ideas. Think about what you want to convince others to believe or do!

- **Creating a Persuasive Outline:**

Choose your favorite topic from the brainstorming session and create an outline. List your main argument and supporting points. This will help you organize your thoughts before writing.

- **Writing Your Persuasive Piece:**

Using your outline, write a short persuasive paragraph or essay. Make sure to include a strong opening statement, supporting arguments, and a conclusion that encourages action.

- **Peer Review (with a family member):**

Share your writing with a family member and ask for their feedback. This will help you see how well your arguments work and if they are convincing!

Talking Points

- "Persuasive writing is all about convincing someone to see things your way!"
- "Think about who you are writing for. Who do you want to persuade?"
- "A strong opening grabs attention! Start with a question or a bold statement."
- "Use clear reasons and examples to support your ideas. This makes your argument stronger!"
- "Don't forget to end with a call to action! What do you want your reader to do after reading your piece?"
- "Feedback is super important! It helps you improve your writing and make it even better."