# Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to write a persuasive piece of writing that effectively convinces others to agree with your point of view.

# **Materials and Prep**

- Paper
- Pencil or pen

No prior knowledge or preparation is required for this lesson.

# Activities

• Activity 1: Choosing a Topic

Think about a subject that you feel strongly about. It could be something like "Should school uniforms be mandatory?" or "Should students have homework every day?" Write down your chosen topic.

- Activity 2: Gathering Evidence
   Research your chosen topic and gather information that supports your point of view. Look for
   facts, statistics, or examples that can help you convince others.
- Activity 3: Organizing Your Thoughts Create an outline for your persuasive writing. Divide it into an introduction, body paragraphs (each presenting a different supporting point), and a conclusion. Write down your main arguments and supporting evidence for each.
- Activity 4: Writing Your Persuasive Piece Use your outline to write your persuasive piece. Start with a strong introduction that grabs the reader's attention, then present your main arguments in separate paragraphs, and finally, conclude by summarizing your points and restating your opinion.

#### • Activity 5: Editing and Revising Read through your persuasive piece and make sure it flows well and makes sense. Check for any spelling or grammar mistakes and make necessary corrections. Ask a parent or guardian to review it and provide feedback.

# **Talking Points**

## • What is persuasive writing?

"Persuasive writing is a type of writing where you try to convince others to agree with your opinion or point of view. It's like being a lawyer and presenting your case to a jury."

• Why is persuasive writing important?

"Persuasive writing helps you express your ideas and convince others to see things from your perspective. It's a valuable skill that can be used in many areas of life, such as debates, essays, and even everyday conversations."

• How to choose a topic? "Choose a topic that you feel strongly about and have enough knowledge to support your arguments. It could be something related to school, family, or even a current event that you care about."

### • What are supporting arguments?

"Supporting arguments are reasons or evidence that back up your main point. They help make your persuasive writing stronger and more convincing. Remember to find facts, examples, or statistics that support your opinion."

### • Why is organizing your thoughts important?

"Organizing your thoughts helps you present your ideas in a clear and logical way. It makes your persuasive writing easier to understand and follow. An outline can serve as a roadmap for your writing."

### How to write a strong introduction?

"Start your persuasive piece with a catchy opening sentence that grabs the reader's attention. You can use a surprising fact, a thought-provoking question, or a powerful statement to hook your audience."

### • What should be included in the body paragraphs?

"Each body paragraph should focus on one main argument or supporting point. Present your argument, provide evidence or examples to support it, and explain why it is important or relevant."

#### How to conclude your persuasive piece?

"In the conclusion, summarize your main arguments and restate your opinion. Leave the reader with a strong final thought or call to action. Make them remember your persuasive writing."

### Why is editing and revising important?

"Editing and revising help you improve your persuasive writing. It allows you to catch any mistakes, clarify your ideas, and make your writing more persuasive. Always take the time to review and make necessary changes."