

Persuasive Essay Assignment

Write a 6-paragraph persuasive essay where you convince your audience to agree with you about one of the following topics (you may choose a topic outside of your grade level):

Grades 6-7

school uniforms

separate schools for boys and girls

voting age

driving age

age of adulthood

parental controls of child internet usage

having to do chores to earn an allowance

6th grade taking place in an elementary school, middle school, high school or other location

homeschooling

Grade 10

gun control

abortion

legalization of marijuana

prohibition of alcohol

voting age

driving age

drinking age

age of adulthood

the existence of god/a higher power/the afterlife

the use of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance

the existence of ghosts

teaching Creationism in schools

the United States' involvement in Syria

the causes of the World Trade Center attack on 09/11/2001

or another topic of similar significance and degree of controversy

DUE DATE:

Possible outline (feel free to use your own if yours is more, and not less, sophisticated):

Have you ever wondered _____? Well, I have, which is why I believe _____, and I believe this for three reasons, which include _____, _____ and _____.

The first reason I believe _____ is _____. It seems to me that if _____, then _____, which would mean _____. Furthermore, according to _____ it is likely that _____, which would result in _____. Finally, _____, which would mean _____, so, therefore _____.

The second reason I believe _____ is _____. It seems to me that if _____, then _____, which would mean _____. Furthermore, according to _____ it is likely that _____, which would result in _____. Finally, _____, which would mean _____, so, therefore _____.

The third reason I believe _____ is _____. It seems to me that if _____, then _____, which would mean _____. Furthermore, according to _____ it is likely that _____, which would result in _____. Finally, _____, which would mean _____, so, therefore _____.

Some people might argue _____ because _____, but I say _____ because _____.

In conclusion, I believe _____ for the several aforementioned reasons, and I hope you now believe it too.

Note: Where it says "According to..." you should add information you obtained from research.