

Persuasive(Opinion) Checklist

Instructions: As you reread your essay, use this checklist as a guide to evaluate your writing.

		NO	COULD BE IMPROVED	YES!
FOCUS/PURPOSE	I stated my opinion clearly.			
	I stayed focused on my opinion throughout the essay without going off topic.			
CONTENT & DEVELOPMENT	I included at least three reasons for my opinion.			
	I included three or four details about each of my reasons. Details include facts, statistics, examples, or personal experiences.			
ORGANIZATION	I have a clear introduction that includes a hook, information about the topic, and my opinion.			
	I have at least three body paragraphs. Each body paragraph is about a new reason			
	I have a strong conclusion where I restate my opinion and tell readers what action they should take next.			
	I use transitions between paragraphs to show how they are connected.			
	I use transitions between ideas in each of my paragraphs.			
LANGUAGE USE & STYLE	I vary the lengths of my sentences so that I have both long and short sentences.			
	I use powerful persuasive words from the <u>word bank</u> to show that I care about the topic and want my reader to take action.			
GRAMMAR & CONVENTIONS	<p>I have read my essay to myself so that I can hear my mistakes and correct them. I made my reader SMILE by checking:</p> <p>Sentences: Each sentence has a subject and a verb (an action).</p> <p>Marks: End each sentence with a punctuation mark.</p> <p>Indents: Indent when you begin a new paragraph.</p> <p>Letters: Start each sentence with a capital letter.</p>			