

Persuasive Essay Template

Name _____

Paragraph 1:

- Describe your point of view or position (EX: Tell why schools should have a passing period of longer than three minutes)

- List the **3 major reasons** why schools should have a longer passing period. You should use your three *strongest* factual reasons from your research.

First Reason _____

Second Reason _____

Third Reason _____

Paragraph 2: In this paragraph take the **first major reason that you wrote above** and fill in the following important points.

First Reason: _____

- Supporting detail #1 (this detail is factual & comes from your research)

- Supporting detail #2 (this detail is factual & comes from your research)

- Supporting detail #3 (this detail is factual & comes from your research)

Paragraph 3: In this paragraph take the **second major reason** and fill in the following important points (this paragraph will be part of your argument so you will want to make sure these points are strong ones):

First Reason: _____

- Supporting detail #1 (this detail is factual & comes from your research)
- Supporting detail #2 (this detail is factual & comes from your research)
- Supporting detail #3 (this detail is factual & comes from your research)

Paragraph 4: In this paragraph take the **third major reason** and fill in the following important points (this paragraph will be part of your argument so you will want to make sure these points are strong ones):

First Reason: _____

- Supporting detail #1 (this detail is factual & comes from your research)
- Supporting detail #2 (this detail is factual & comes from your research)
- Supporting detail #3 (this detail is factual & comes from your research)

Paragraph 5: This paragraph will be your last chance to convince your audience that your point of view is correct. To do this you will want to do the following things:

- Begin with conclusion sentences that restates your position (why schools should have a longer passing period)
- Restate the most important points you made in the rest of your paper. Hint: Use the three major reasons that you talked about in Paragraph Two.