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## **Persuasive Essay Idea Sheet**

I would like to convince people that:

\_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the following charts:

### **Reasons That Support My Position**

List 3 reasons you will use to convince people	*** Facts/Statistics/Evidence *** you will use to support your position

## Counter arguments

List 2 reasons why people could disagree with your position.	Describe you reasons to refute the disagreements.

### Writing Your Essay:

- Write a title.
- Paragraph 1: Write a “hook” and state your opinion.
- Paragraph 2-4: Take each reason/fact and write a paragraph about it.  
Use transition words to connect your paragraphs.
- Paragraph 5: Write 1 paragraph about why people could disagree with your position and refute it with evidence.
- Paragraph 6: Write a conclusion. Restate your position and re-explain your reasons why people should agree with your position.

### *Examples of “hooks” (Courtesy of Perfection Learning):*

- Surprise your readers - Shock them with a fact or a startling description.
- Engage your reader’s imagination - Begin with, “Imagine a time when...”
- Entertain your readers - Tell them a story about the subject.

### *Examples of possible transition words:*

also	another	finally	furthermore
moreover	likewise	in addition	similarly
nevertheless	still	one example of...	another example of
although	but	on the on hand ...	on the other hand
otherwise	yet	first...second...finally	