



Persuasive Writing Activity

A great activity for facilitating discussion on ideas in Chapter 1 is a persuasive writing. Following is a writing prompt your students could use with Chapter 1. As mentioned in the Introduction, it is on a template we use to prepare for our state tests. Following the writing prompt is a sample (completed) graphic organizer and its corresponding paper, which is the finished product. These tools can be helpful in showing the students how to proceed and manage their time on any state writing tests.

Writing Prompt Sheet

PROMPT

You will have one class period (but no more than 60 minutes if your class is longer) to plan, write, and proofread your response, making any necessary corrections.

Planning	Write
Think about what you want to write.	Write your essay on the two composition papers.
Reread the prompt to make sure you are writing about the topic.	Proofread your essay and make necessary corrections.
Make notes. Use your prewriting skills, such as mapping or outlining.	
Carefully read the five statements below the prompt. Each statement refers to one of the scorable domains: focus, content, organization, style, and conventions.	

READ THE ENTIRE PROMPT CAREFULLY



A friend/peer has asked you to write a letter of recommendation for the position of Director of Public Relations.

Write to persuade the CEO of the company to hire your co-worker because of the interpersonal skills he possesses. (Chapter 1)

As you write your paper, remember to:

- Clearly state your opinion about the topic
- Include specific facts, details, reasons, and/or examples to convince the city officials
- Present your ideas in a clear and logical order, including an introduction, body, and conclusion
- Use a variety of words and well-constructed sentences to create tone and voice.
- Correct errors in capitalization, punctuation, sentence formation, spelling, and usage.