Argumentative/Persuasive Essay Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ #\_\_\_ BB C O

This type of essay is used to convince a reader about a particular thing, usually one that you believe in.

* A Persuasive essay is based on anything about your portfolio topic which you have a NO emotion about.
* An Argumentative essay is based on anything about your portfolio topic which you have personal emotion about.

Whether you're arguing if X-box is better than the Wii, a persuasive/argumentative essay is a skill that you need to work on. Must kids your age are VERY good at arguing your feelings, but do you have facts or Proof about why your thinking is right. That is what we will be working on today.

Choose a statement that you will be arguing for: I believe that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is better/worse than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Paragraph One**

•Start with an amazing hook. Your hook is a first sentence that draws the reader in. Make the reader want to continue reading about your topic and do your best to make them think like you do by the end of the essay.

•Include a short summary of what you're arguing for! It's usually one sentence, and it's near the end of your introductory paragraph. Tell the reader right away the most convincing pieces of facts that you have, and don’t forget to include your “voice”…if you really sound like you believe in it your reader will too.

Hook/Summary:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Paragraph Two, Three, and Four**

At a minimum, **write three paragraphs** for the body of the essay. Each paragraph should cover a main point that relates back to a part of your convincing facts that you included in your introduction paragraph.

•These body paragraphs are where you prove your opinions and give **FACTUAL** evidence. Remember that if you don't provide evidence, your argument is just your opinion. . •For example, don't just say: *"Dolphins are very smart animals, because I have watched a lot of movies where dolphins do tricks!”* Instead, say: "*Dolphins are very smart animals. Multiple studies found that dolphins worked in tandem with humans to catch prey. Very few, if any, species, have developed mutually symbiotic relationships with humans."*

**Fact One**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Paragraph Five**

Include a counter claim. There are people who would disagree with you. What would they say?

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Think of three of their strongest arguments and come up with a counterargument to prove how you are **STILL** right.

*But…. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Still…\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*On the other hand…\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

In your conclusion at the very end of your essay it's a good idea to restate each of your main points and then leave your reader with a question that they have to think about. It will have a more lasting impression.

End question that makes your reader think about how important what you are saying is:



**GRADING**

Students should be able to complete this essay in **5 paragraphs**. A 6th grade writer should be able to use enough details and factual evidence **to write/type (you must submit a Graphic Organizer if you are typing) 2-3 full double spaced pages**. Students will be given one full week to research and write about their topic. Each student should be prepared to include **2-3 different resources** they used to write their essays. **Each source needs to be listed on the back side or bottom of the final essay**.

f you do not want to be left behind then the essay must be finished by: Monday April 25th