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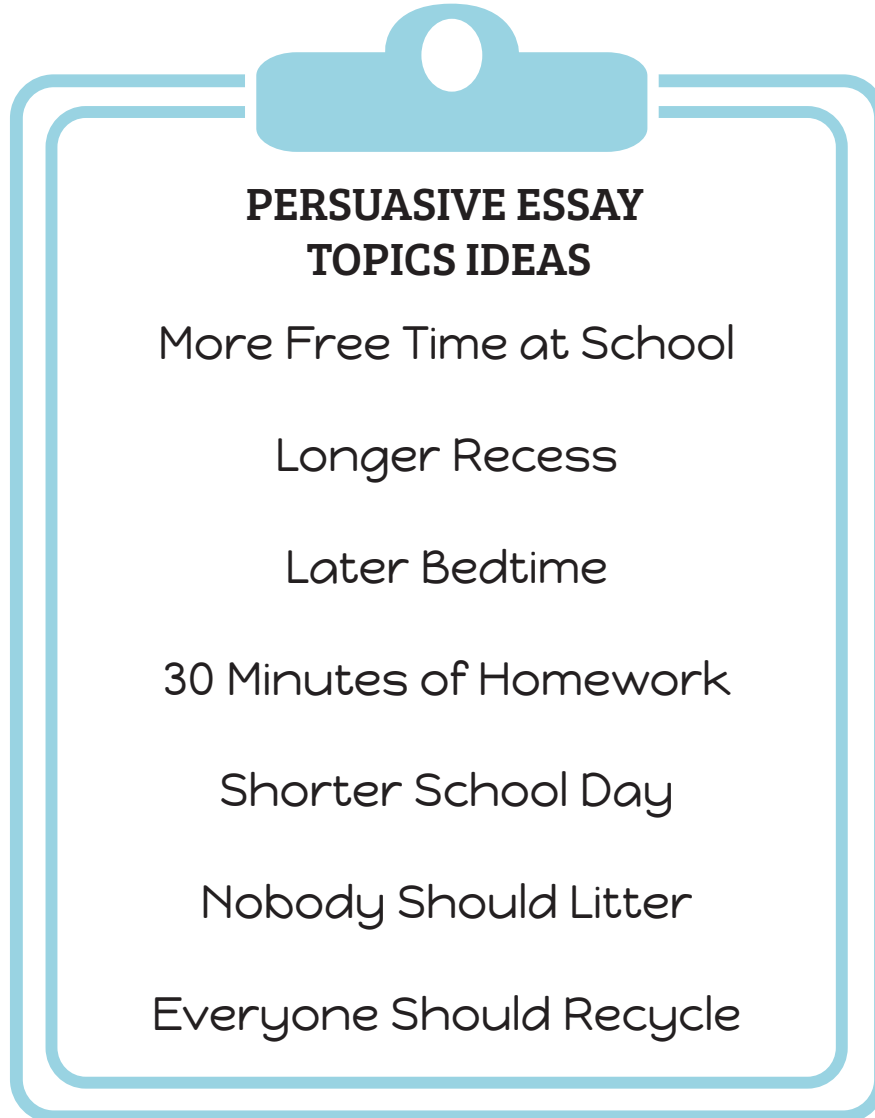
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Persuasive Writing

Testing Your Reasons

Part 1 Choose Your Topic

Directions: Choose a topic that you feel strongly about.



Directions: Free-write about why this topic is important to you.

Part 2 Test Your Reasons

Directions: First, read through the example response. Then, complete your own response.

Example

Topic and Opinion: My mom and dad should let me decide on the time I go to sleep.	
Weak Reasons <i>(most likely will not convince my audience)</i>	Strong Reasons <i>(most likely will convince my audience)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think I am old enough. • My friend told me that she gets to decide. • I don't like the time I have to go to bed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I might have homework or other tasks that I need to complete before my bedtime. • I know when I feel tired, therefore, it seems like I should be able to express when I feel like it's time for me to go to bed. • I have proven that I am responsible in other ways, so I should be trusted to make a wise decision about the time I go to bed.

My Reasons

Topic and Opinion:	
Weak Reasons	Strong Reasons
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