

Persuasive Writing Assignment 3: Presidential Essay

General Information

In a well-developed five-paragraph essay, write a persuasive argument that advocates the election of one person to be the President of the United States. Rather than focusing on reasons why another person should not be elected, you should try to make the best case for your candidate.

Requirements

- The paper should be written using 1" margins and 12 point font.
- It should be a minimum of 800 words, and no more than 1200.
- You should include at least 5 different sources in your essay.

Structure of the Essay

For this persuasive essay, I want you to follow a strict five paragraph format, as follows:

- Introduction
- Concession
- Argument/Example 1
- Argument/Example 2
- Conclusion

The **introduction** should begin with a specific, attention-getting opener and end with a strong, clear thesis statement that summarizes your argument.

Each **body paragraph** should contain one central topic, begin with a clear **topic sentence**, and use evidence and analysis to prove a claim.

The **conclusion** should review your arguments, restate the thesis, and tie back to your attention getter in the introduction.

Sample of a Response: Ron Paul

Introduction: attention-getting introduction about the Founders of the country, and their vision for America, contrasted with the powerful government we have in place today.

Thesis: Although Rand Paul will govern with a style that many might see as extreme, he should be elected President because he will best protect the rights of Americans and restore our foreign policy to its original vision.

Argument 1: It's undeniable that Ron Paul holds some radical ideas that will challenge the American public.

Argument 2: Despite these extreme views, Ron Paul's unwavering commitment to civil liberties mean he will make an excellent President.

Argument 3: Even more significantly, Paul will restore George Washington's vision for American foreign policy, and end foreign entanglements.

Conclusion: 3-4 sentences, restating arguments, thesis, and returning to the story of founders.