

PERSUASIVE WRITING ESSAY OUTLINE TASK CARDS

YOU'LL GET . . .

- 40 Level 1 Difficulty Essay Outline Task Cards in color and B&W
- 40 Level 2 Difficulty Essay Outline Task Cards in color and B&W
- 45 Level 3 Difficulty Essay Outline Task Cards in color and B&W
- 8.5 x 11" poster size for level 1 and 2 task cards
- 4 Essay Graphic Organizers in color and B&W
- Teacher's Guide

INCLUDES 3 DIFFICULTY LEVELS FOR DIFFERENTIATION

LEVEL 1



The social media age minimum should be 16



Protect mental health

-  Avoid cyberbullying
-  Less stress, comparison



Prevent inappropriate content

-  Shield from adult topics
-  Safer online space



More focus on real life

-  Play outside, talk to friends
-  Develop hobbies



Ensures safety and focus



LEVEL 2



Every backyard should have a treehouse



Provides private sanctuary

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Encourages outdoor play

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Great viewpoint height

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LEVEL 3

Is shopping online better than shopping in person?

LEVEL 1 DIFFICULTY

GOAL: Students use the outline given to write an opinion or persuasive essay. They must support the anonymous author's viewpoint, not their own opinion.

WHY? This removes the stress of trying to come up with a stance and supporting reasons and allows you to teach HOW to write the essay.



Split the outline up and work in teams to write the essay. Each teammate writes a different paragraph



Students should wear hats in school



Expresses personality



Show unique style



Fun accessories



Keeps heads warm



Cold classrooms



Comfort during winter



Doesn't harm learning



Small personal choice



No distraction cause



Respects personal choice and comfort

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LEVEL 2 DIFFICULTY

GOAL: Students take on more responsibility by adding their own elaboration to support each reason.

WHY? This allows you to focus in on how to elaborate on ideas by including evidence or examples.

- ★ Every Monday should be pajama day at school.
- ▬ Increased comfort level
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- ▬ Easier morning routine
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- ▬ Focus on schoolwork
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LEVEL 3 DIFFICULTY

GOAL: Students choose their position, reason, and evidence. Before writing the essay, they complete the graphic organizer.

Should kids be allowed to have their own Youtube channel?

TOPIC SENTENCE		
REASON, FACT, OR DETAIL	REASON, FACT, OR DETAIL	REASON, F
EXPLANATIONS & EXAMPLES	EXPLANATIONS & EXAMPLES	EXPLANATIONS & EXAMPLES

HOOK		
TOPIC: MY OPINION:		
REASON #1:	REASON #2:	REASON #3:
EXPLANATION, EXAMPLES, EVIDENCE:	EXPLANATION, EXAMPLES, EVIDENCE:	EXPLANATION, EXAMPLES, EVIDENCE:
CONCLUSION		
WORD BANK:		

YOU'LL GET 2 SIZE OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM FOR LEVELS 1 & 2 TASK CARDS

Paper Saver = 4 task cards per page

Large Size = 1 task cards per page

★ Technology is essential in class

- Access to information
 - Quick Google search
 - Up-to-date facts
- Makes learning fun
 - Interactive apps, games
 - Engaging videos
- Prepare for future jobs
 - Computer skills needed
 - Essential tools practice

★ Learn better and faster

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★ Video games are good

- Boost problem-solving
 - Strategy, puzzles
 - Quick decisions
- Build social connections
 - Play with friends online
 - Team coordination
- Improve hand-eye coordination
 - Fast reaction time
 - Controller dexterity

★ More than just entertainment

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★ Summer is the best season

- Warm weather fun
 - Swimming, popsicles
 - No heavy coats
- Freedom from school
 - Sleep late, relax
 - Go on trips
- Longer daylight hours
 - Play outside longer
 - Extra time for friends

★ Fun and freedom of summer

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★ Kids should earn an allowance for chores

- Teaches financial skills
 - Save money, budgeting
 - Understand value
- Instills responsibility
 - Learn to contribute
 - Pride in work
- Motivation to help
 - Incentive to clean room
 - Makes work feel rewarded

★ Teaches life skills

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EVERYTHING COMES IN **COLOR** OR B&W

★ Kids should have their own bank card

- Money responsibility
 - Track spending
 - Practice budgeting
- Safety and convenience
 - No cash to lose
 - Easy payments
- Learn real-life skills
 - Saving habits
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★ A bank card helps kids build smart financial habits

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FINISH MY WRITING

✓ INFO ✓ OPINION ✓ NARRATIVE

INTRODUCTION

Today is the day. I woke up, and almost immediately felt nervous. "Good morning, Jesse!" My mom exclaimed. "Please don't call me - you know what? I'm not even going to try." I said, giving up. As soon as I got ready to leave for school, I started getting more butterflies than ever. Today I had my big audition, right after school.

After my last class, I went to the theater, and I was the second person to audition, as I saw on our Director's list. "Shoot," I muttered right before I went to walk onto the stage.

As I walked onto the stage, the bright lights shining down on me, I took a deep breath and tried to calm my racing thoughts.

I'd dreamed of this day for so long. For long hours each week, I'd practiced my acting skills in front of a mirror. I could sing all of my favorite songs word for word. I'd even learned how to dance, hoping that someday, I would get a part in the school play.

But now that the day had finally come, I'd been overcome with nerves. "Hello, my name is Josh," I began, my voice shaking slightly. "I will be auditioning for the role of the prince."

As I began reciting the lines I'd spent so many hours memorizing, I felt the butterflies in my belly slowly leave. A surge of confidence grew until it washed over me.

I could feel the director's eyes on me, hanging on my every word. I poured my heart and soul into the words, feeling all the same emotions of the character I wanted to play.

When I finished speaking, the auditorium was silent. No applause at all. The butterflies in my belly returned.

Was I really that bad? I wondered as I took my bow. What if I didn't get any part at all?

CONCLUSION

"Oh my..." our Director said, and at this point, I was only getting mixed signals as if I did good or not. "Wow, that was scary," she continued. "Well, that was HORRIBLE!" some kid said, that REALLY made me feel better at the time! Just kidding. I felt like one would feel after being stepped on 1,000 times. "No, it was -" I didn't hear the rest of what our Director said. I ran off the stage.

The next day I went to school to find my alternate staring at me as if I ruined his life, and ME as the role of the prince!

SBAC CAASPP BRIEF WRITES PRACTICE

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COMPLETE MY OPINION WRITING

FOR IDEA ELABORATION PRACTICE

Our planet needs help, and schools can do their part. I think every classroom should have recycling bins.

When students recycle, they help the Earth and learn to care for it. Small actions make a big difference.

Exercise helps kids stay strong and happy. I believe we should have PE every day at school.

Moving our bodies helps our brains, too. Daily PE would make students healthier and ready to learn.

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OPINION WRITING WARM-UPS

CHOOSE A POSITION

Your writing mission: Using this student's notes, write one or two paragraphs adding reasons to support the opinion.

SHOULD STUDENTS BE ALLOWED TO USE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) TOOLS TO HELP WITH SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS?

Notes:

- Seen as "cheating" / avoids student thinking
- Tools for brainstorming or grammar check
- Weakens critical thinking skills
- Valuable future job skill

GOOGLE SLIDES & POWERPOINT

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