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Persuasive Writing Checklist

Introduction

1. Did you use one or two sentences to introduce the topic?
2. Did you introduce your argument, issue or controversy?
3. Did you provide one or two sentences to show an opponents view?
4. Is your own opinion stated clearly?
5. Did you give 3 brief reasons for your opinion/position?

Body

1. Do you have a paragraph for each of your 3 reasons for your opinion?
2. Is each reason re-stated at the beginning of each paragraph?
3. Did you back up each reason with facts and opinions?
4. Did you include closing remarks at the end of each paragraph?

Conclusion

1. Did you re-state your position/opinion?
2. Did you finish with a solution or suggest some action that should be taken?
3. Did you leave the reader with a sense of ending?

Overall:

1. Does your persuasive writing sound convincing enough to change the mind of an opponent?
2. Did you use opinions, facts and logic?
3. Do you address what may be wrong with the opponent's view?
4. Have you really made your readers think?
5. Have you touched the hearts of your readers in some way?