

STEP 3

MODEL TOPICS

K-6 | GENERAL-KNOWLEDGE WRITING TOPICS

PERSUADE: TO CONVINCE



Explain your best or favorite:

- Fast food — McDonald's, Wendy's, etc.
- Holiday— Christmas, Halloween, etc.
- Equipment at recess— slide, swing, etc.
- Season— spring, summer, fall, or winter
- Pet— dog, cat, turtle, fish, hamster, etc.
- Special-area class— art, music, PE, etc.
- TV show
- Movie

Persuade (someone) to:

- (Principal) Revise the school dress code
- (Principal) Allow pets in school
- (Parent) Get a pet
- (Cafeteria Workers) Add an item to lunch menu
- (Principal) Go to recess before lunch
- (Principal) Make winter break longer (or shorter)
- (Teacher) Not give any homework
- (Principal) Shorten the school day
- (Parent) Allow a later bedtime
- (Parent) Allow you to stay home alone

Which is better (or worse):

- Live with no video games or no candy for a year
- Live on a boat or in a tree house
- Have ice cream or a candy bar
- Indoor recess or outdoor recess

INFORM: TO TEACH



How-to/Sequential

- Classroom morning routine
- How to go through the lunch line
- How to use playground or sporting equipment
- Classroom coming in from recess routine
- How to exit during fire drill
- Classroom dismissal routine
- How to make chocolate milk
- How to make a paper airplane
- How to brush your teeth
- How to take bath/shower
- How to make a bed
- How to pack a suitcase
- How to reheat pizza in microwave
- How to make PBJ
- How to post a video to social media
- How to entertain friends when they come over

Categorical

- Family
- Pets
- Special talents
- Field trips
- Fire/Tornado drill
- Lunch
- Special-area class
- Special assemblies
- Seasons
- Holidays
- Traditions
- Animals
- Habitats & environment
- Weather
- Video games
- Recess games
- Card games
- Board games
- Wearing glasses
- Having braces
- Restaurants
- Food

Compare-Contrast

- You vs. your best friend
- Teacher vs. parent
- Xbox vs. PlayStation
- Reading vs. watching a video
- Cooking at home vs. dining out
- First day vs. last day of school
- Only child vs. having siblings
- Parents vs. grandparents
- Eyeglasses vs. braces
- You vs. sibling
- Netflix vs. YouTube

Compare 2 Items:

- Fire vs. tornado drill
- 2 special-area classes
- 2 family members
- 2 types of weather
- 2 seasons
- 2 holidays
- 2 animals
- 2 recess games
- 2 restaurants
- 2 foods
- 2 pets

NARRATIVE: TO ENTERTAIN



Tell a story about a time:

- You lost something at home
- You lost something at school
- You forgot to do something
- Someone else forgot something
- You learned something new
- You got into trouble
- You got hurt at home (body or feelings)
- You got hurt at school (body or feelings)
- Someone else got hurt (body or feelings)
- Something broke at home
- Something broke at school
- You were lost
- Weather was a problem
- Something bad happened
- Something good happened
- Something scary happened