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Persuasive writing convinces someone to do, think or believe something. Persuasive writing also often organizes ideas using a compare/contrast or cause/effect structure. For instance, an essay trying to persuade people to recycle might compare and contrast a future with or without recycling; or might show the effect of failing to recycle.

**1. CHOOSE A TOPIC.** An opinion is what you think about something that you have strong feelings about. Choose a topic about which you have an opinion.

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**2. PERSUASIVE TOPIC CHECKLIST.** Use the checklist below to decide if your topic is suitable for a persuasive essay.

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Could people possibly disagree about this topic?

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Could you organize your ideas using a compare/contrast structure?

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Could you organize your ideas using a cause/effect structure?

**3. MAKE NOTES ABOUT YOUR REASONS HERE:**

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**4. ADD YOUR DETAILS TO SUPPORT YOUR REASONS HERE:**

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**5. NOW USE A SEPARATE PEICE OF PAPER TO WRITE YOUR ESSAY. ORGANIZE YOUR REASONS SO THAT YOU BUILD UP TO YOUR STRONGEST REASON AND MAKE YOUR STRONGEST REASON RIGHT BEFORE YOUR CONCLUSION.**

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