# Persuasive Paragraph

Issue: Persuade your audience that phones should be banned at school

OR

Persuade your audience that schools should not ban phones

**Make sure you include:**

* Position statement-A clear statement of position-you can’t be middle of the road.
* Facts and examples to support that position
* Appeals to reason and emotion
* Consideration of opposing views-restate opposing views in a way that supports your position.
* Use evidence from “The Murderer” by Ray Bradbury

**Steps for writing a persuasive paper:**

* Explore your issue
  + Make lists

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* + Do some research
* Think about your audience
  + How much do your readers already know about the topic?
  + Do the readers care about the topic? Why? Appeal to that emotion.

## Complete the graphic Organizer

* Support your position
  + Facts
  + Opinions
  + Statistics
  + Incidents and examples
* Think about how people might oppose your position
* Shape your draft
  + Organization-start with your weakest argument and end with your strongest
* Think about your draft
* Questions for Yourself
  + How can I make my position statement more clear?
  + What are my reasons for the position I have taken?
  + How have I handled objections to my point of view?

## Graphic Organizer (8-12 Sentences)

Attention grabbing-beginning

Description of issue

Position Statement

Reason # 2

Evidence to Support-Facts, statistics, opinions, incidents, examples from story

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Reason # 3

Evidence to Support-Facts, statistics, opinions, incidents, examples from story

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Reason # 1

Evidence to Support-Facts, statistics, opinions, incidents, examples from story

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Conclusion

Restate Position Statement

Summarize the three reasons

Call to action or the closing statement –a statement that will stick in reader’s mind

## Rubric:

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| **CATEGORY** | | **4 - Above Standards** | **3 - Meets Standards** | **2 - Approaching Standards** | **1 - Below Standards** |
| **Attention Grabber**  **Organization** | | The introductory paragraph has a strong hook or attention grabber that is appropriate for the audience. This could be a strong statement, a relevant quotation, statistic, or question addressed to the reader. | The introductory paragraph has a hook or attention grabber, but it is weak, rambling or inappropriate for the audience. | The author has an interesting introductory paragraph but the connection to the topic is not clear. | The introductory paragraph  is not interesting AND  is not relevant to the topic. |
| **Position Statement**  **Organization** | | The position statement provides a clear, strong statement of the author's position on the topic. | The position statement provides a clear statement of the author's position on the topic. | A position statement is present, but does not make the the author's position clear. | There is no  position statement. |
| **Evidence and Examples**  **Support** | | All of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position. | Most of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position. | At least one of the pieces of evidence and examples is relevant and has an explanation that shows how that piece of evidence supports the author's position. | Evidence and examples are NOT relevant  AND/OR are not explained. |
| **Closing sentence**  **Organization** | | The conclusion is strong and leaves the reader solidly understanding the writer's position. Effective restatement of the position statement begins the closing paragraph. | The conclusion is recognizable. The author's position is restated within the first two sentences of the closing paragraph. | The author's position is restated within the closing paragraph, but not near the beginning. | There is no conclusion - the paper just ends. |
| **Grammar & Spelling**  **Conventions** | | Author makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content. | Author makes 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content. | Author makes 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content. | Author makes more than 4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content. |