

## Persuasive Essay—Directions

- 1) 1) You recently read about individuals with disabilities who have accomplished great things. Choose one of the prompts below as the focus of your persuasive essay.

**Prompt: How can we encourage acceptance of those with disabilities?**

**Prompt: How are those with disabilities valuable to society?**

- 2) Write a one-sentence response to the prompt. This will be your thesis statement. All of your essay will support this idea.

Sample prompt: Should school be held year round?

Sample Thesis: School should be held year round to help students retain knowledge and increase the ability of the United States to compete with other nations.

Sample Prompt: Which novel should be included as required reading for the language arts curriculum of Friendswood Junior High?

Sample Thesis: Twilight should be required reading for all FJH students.

My Thesis Statement:

- 3) Highlight the facts from your research that will support your thesis.
- 4) If you need additional information, you may check the following websites.

[http://www.disabled-world.com/artman/publish/article\\_0060.shtml](http://www.disabled-world.com/artman/publish/article_0060.shtml)

<http://www.dosomething.org/whatsyourthing/Discrimination/Disability%20Rights>

[http://www.paralympic.org/Paralympic\\_Games/](http://www.paralympic.org/Paralympic_Games/)

<http://groupbenefits.thehartford.com/usp/bios.html>

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- 5) **Open Word.**
- 6) **Open the planning sheet under documents on my teacher website.**
- 7) **Save the document as Essay Planning.** Be sure to save it in your “house.”  
Choose “file” and “save as.” Then change the location of where you are saving the document.
- 8) **Go to page 2. Type the works cited information. You must have a minimum of two sources. If you use information from a source, you must include it on the works cited page.** (n.p. means there is no publisher and n.d. means there is no copyright/update/published date.)

### **Book Source**

Last Name, First Name. Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

McCullough, David. 1776. New York: Simon and Schuster Paperbacks, 2005.  
Print.

### **Internet Source (if you have one)**

Author’s Last Name, First Name. “Title of Article. Title of Website.

Associated Organization. Published or Updated Date. Web. Date  
you accessed the site <web address>.

“George Washington.” The White House. n. p. n.d. Web. 29 June

2008<<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/gw1.html>>.

\*Plug in information based on what is available on the website. If you don’t have an author, skip to the title. If there is a little title within the main website, include it in quotation marks. Then write the main title and underline it. If there is only one title, underline it.

- 9) **After completing the Works Cited page, type the rest of your planning.**

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**10) Print the planning.**

**11) Now save the planning document as Essay Draft.**

Delete the headings of each section.

Indent each paragraph (Intro., body #1, body #2, and conclusion)

Now you have the skeleton of your essay.

**12) Set up the document to track your changes (revisions).** Click on Tools in Word. Choose track changes. Choose highlight changes. Check all three boxes. Choose OK.

**Make revisions (add, remove, or move).** You should be adding commentary, additional support, and transitions. Improve word choice. Some ideas may need to be moved around or even deleted.

**13) Have you included parenthetical documentation for all your facts from your research? At the end of each sentence with a fact from a source you must include source information. Include the author’s last name and the number of the page.**

**Example:**

Even though Stephen Hawking may not be imposing figure, he is an expert in his field of physics (McDaniel 15).

For many years Michael J. Fox, a talented actor, has “been secretly suffering from Parkinson’s disease” (Kozar 11).

**14) Print your Essay Draft with changes marked.**

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15) **Accept the changes.** Select Tools in Word. Choose accept or reject changes.

Choose accept all changes.

16) **Save the document as Final Draft, proofread, and print.**

17) **Print the Works Cited.**

18) **Turn in order:** rubric on top, final draft, works cited, draft with changes marked,  
and planning/outline.