



Persuasive Writing: Persuasive Paragraphs

In a persuasive paragraph, a writer tries to make readers agree with his or her opinion on a topic.

Example:

School uniforms should be mandatory for all students for a number of reasons. First, they make everyone equal. In this way, the "rich" kids are on the same level as the poor ones. In addition, getting ready for school can be much faster and easier. Many kids waste time choosing what to wear to school, and they are often unhappy with their final choices. Most important, some studies show that school uniforms make students perform better. Many people might say that uniforms take away from personal freedom, but I believe that the benefits are stronger than the drawbacks.

Look and identify the following in the paragraph above.

1. What is the writer's main idea or opinion in this paragraph?
2 points.

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2. What are the three supporting reasons the writer gives to support their opinion? 2 points each.

3. Identify the writer's closing sentence where they restate their opinion.