

## Homework is Utterly Unreasonable

### Introduction

Introduces the topic.

- Gives the writers opinion

- Provides 3 reasons to support opinion.

Students already spend a great deal of their lives thinking about school work. Children need time to unwind, time for recreation and time to do chores. It is awfully unfair that students must spend time at home on tasks that could be done during school hours.

### Paragraph 1

- Addresses 1st Point/Reason from Introduction

Firstly, students need a break from school work when they come home. They should be allowed to unwind by playing with friends, spending time with the family and relaxing. Many people think that making them do homework is cruel.

### Paragraph 2

- Addresses 2nd Point/Reason from Introduction

In addition, students need time to participate in other activities after school. If they didn't have to do homework, students could play sport, learn a musical instrument or join a community group. These are valuable and important skills which should not be underrated by pointless and tedious homework.

### Paragraph 3

- Addresses 3rd Point/Reason from Introduction

Finally, all families are different. Some students might need to help out after school and may genuinely not have time to do their homework. Teachers should consider this before setting piles of mundane homework for their students.

### Conclusion

Restates opinion and restates or reviews the main points

In conclusion, schools should not be setting homework. There are much better ways that students could be using this time after school, such as relaxing, learning new skills and helping their families.

The title uses a strong adjective to give it modality.

### Mark with a X

Which adverb would give the title less modality? really wholly utterly

Which adverb would give the title more modality? very completely wholly

What adjective would give the title a different meaning/opinion?

unfair – reasonable - wrong

What modal verbs are used in the introduction?

In the introduction, what three words point to the 3 arguments the author will give to support his opinion?

In order, the words are

In the **Body** the topic sentence of the 1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph addresses which point?

### Mark with an X

**Homework is cruel**      **Students should play with their friends**

**Students need time to relax**      **Students need a break**

In the **Body** what 2 **elaborations** supports the opinion in the **first** paragraph

### Mark the two correct answers with an X

**Homework is cruel**      **Children need time to unwind with friends**

**Children should not be made to do homework**      **Children need to relax with their family**

In the **Body** the topic sentence of the **2nd** Paragraph addresses which point?

**Mark with a X**

Skills other than homework should be valued      Homework is tedious and boring

Students need time to participate in other activities      Sport is important

In the **Body** what **elaboration** supports the 2nd opinion in the first paragraph

**Mark with a X**

Skills other than homework are important      Homework is tedious and boring

If children had time they could learn an instrument, play sport or join a community group

In the **Body** the topic sentence of the **3<sup>st</sup>** Paragraph addresses which point?

**Mark with an X**

Some families don't want children to do homework      Teachers are terrible

Family situations are different      Teachers send piles of school work home

In the **Body** what **2** **elaboration** supports the 3rd opinion?

**Mark the two best responses with an X**

Children might need to help their families when they get home      Some parents don't want homework

Students might have no time to do homework      Teachers should send home less work

In the **Body** what **3 noun** groups are used to evoke a negative emotional response in the reader?

**Mark the three best choices with an X**

piles of mundane homework      all families are different      valuable and important skills

much better ways students could use their time      pointless tedious homework

homework is cruel      a great deal of their lives thinking about schoolwork

What opinion is restated in the **Conclusion**

**Mark the best choice with an X**

Teachers are cruel      Students spend a lot of time doing homework      Homework is important

Schools should not set homework      Afterschool students should relax and learn new skills

