

PERSUASIVE GRADE 9

Time magazine is seeking nominations for “the most influential person of the 20th century.”

Write to persuade the nominating committee that the individual you chose is the best. Tell what contributions and accomplishments this person has made to mankind and the world.



You have been assigned the task of creating a topic for a ninth grade writing test.

Create a prompt and defend why this topic would be interesting and appropriate for ninth grade students.



A foundation has offered to give \$10,000 grants for community projects or charities. You have decided to apply for one of these grants.

Persuade the foundation that your project or charity is worthy of selection.



Your school board is considering extending the school day to 5:00 p.m.

Write to the school board stating your opinion on extending the school day to 5:00 p.m.



A new radio station is going to start broadcasting in your area.

Write to persuade the station owners to play your favorite music.



NASA will select a student to accompany astronauts on their next space flight.

Persuade NASA that either you **or** one of your classmates would be the best choice.



Your community has been awarded money to build a monument in honor of a person. Decide who should receive this honor.

Persuade your community leaders to accept your choice.



Violence is in many television shows. Some adults believe that this television violence contributes to teenagers being violent. Think about whether or not television violence influences teenagers to be violent.

Write to persuade adults to accept your opinion on this issue.



Some state officials want to make the school year longer. Your local newspaper supports this idea. Decide whether you agree or disagree with this idea.

Write to the editor of the newspaper stating your opinion.



Your school is planning to revise its rules. The principal has asked students to identify the best school rules, the ones that should not be changed. Why should one of these rules definitely remain in effect?

Write an essay persuading the principal to keep what you consider the best rule.



A foreign student is considering several American schools to attend. Why would your school be the best choice?

Write an essay persuading the student that he or she should attend your school.



You have a major project due in one of your classes. After talking with several of your classmates, you discover that almost no one in the class will be finished on time. You have been chosen to share this concern with your teacher and ask for an extension. Why should your teacher consider extending the deadline?

Write an essay persuading your teacher to extend the project deadline for the entire class.



“It doesn’t matter if you win or lose—only if you win.” Is winning the only thing that is important to you?

Persuade the reader to agree with your position.



With advancements in technology some students have chosen to go to high school via the Internet. Decide if public education in school buildings and classrooms or Internet education anywhere is best for students.

Write an essay to persuade your reader of your choice.



Many teachers believe that an organized student finds it easier to be successful. Do you agree **or** disagree?

Write an essay that persuades other students to accept your position.