

ARGUMENT WRITING ASSESSMENT

Think of a topic or issue that you know and care about, an issue around which you have strong feelings. You will have forty-five minutes to write an opinion or argument text in which you will write your opinion or claim and tell reasons why you feel that way. When you do this, draw on everything you know about essays, persuasive letters, and reviews. Please keep in mind that you will have forty-five minutes to complete this, so you will need to plan, draft, revise, and edit in one sitting.

In your writing make sure you:

- Write an introduction.
- State your opinion or claim.
- Give reasons and evidence.
- Organize your writing.
- Acknowledge counterclaims.
- Use transition words and phrases.
- Write a conclusion.