

Persuasive Writing Task

Directions:

- In this writing test, you will write a persuasive letter in response to the writing task on the following page.
- You will have time to plan, write, and proofread.
- Only what you write on the lined pages in this booklet will be scored.

Scoring:

Your writing will be scored on how well you:

- state your position on the topic;
- describe the points in support of your position, including examples and other evidence;
- anticipate and address readers' concerns and arguments against your position; and
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. You may include a salutation and closing, but the format of the letter will not count as part of your score.

Writing the Persuasive Letter:

Imagine that you have decided to start an after-school activity club and want to recruit new members. Think about the club you would like to start at your school. Then write a letter to persuade students your age to join the club. Be sure to include specific reasons and details that would make students want to join your club.

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