

WRITING WORKSHOP

COPY MASTER

Persuasive Essay**SCORING RUBRIC FOR EVALUATION**

Use the rubric below to evaluate your Persuasive Essay. Circle the score that best represents your work. Then use the back of this sheet to write a paragraph explaining your score and how you can improve your writing.

SCORE	TEXAS KEY TRAITS
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus and Coherence Focuses consistently on a clear issue and offers a reasonable and thoughtful position • Organization Shows effective and logical organization throughout • Development of Ideas Supports a position thoroughly, using clearly stated reasons and convincing evidence • Voice Demonstrates clear commitment to the issue and position statement • Conventions Shows a strong command of grammar, mechanics, and spelling
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus and Coherence Focuses on a reasonable position, with minor distractions • Organization Shows effective organization throughout, with minor lapses • Development of Ideas Offers mostly thoughtful ideas and reasons, but some evidence may be weak or unreliable • Voice Demonstrates some vagueness on the issue and position statement • Conventions Shows general control of grammar, mechanics, and spelling
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus and Coherence Includes some loosely related ideas that distract from the writer's position • Organization Shows some organization, with noticeable gaps in the flow of ideas • Development of Ideas Offers routine, predictable ideas and reasons with uneven reasoning and supporting evidence. • Voice Demonstrates little interest in the issue, and position statement is predictable • Conventions Shows a limited control of grammar, mechanics, and spelling
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus and Coherence Shows little awareness of the topic and purpose for writing • Organization Lacks organization • Development of Ideas Offers unclear and confusing ideas and demonstrates minimal persuasive reasoning. • Voice Exhibits little or no interest in the issue or position • Conventions Exhibits major problems with grammar, mechanics, and spelling