



# Writing assignments

Argumentative essay, factual text,  
storytelling, free topic



# Argumentative essay

# Choose an interesting topic

Should schools give homework?

Should schools give letter grades?

Should colleges look at students' social media sites as part of the acceptance process?

Should businesses be allowed to advertise on school campuses?

Should we pay college athletes?

Should schools allow students to play contact sports like hockey, lacrosse, and football?

# How to build the introduction:

a: hook

b: background information

c: thesis statement

# Hook



Hook=grab the  
readers attention



Question



Quote



Statistics



Anecdote

# Background information



Find information that is helpful to your assignment



This should lead into the thesis statement

# Thesis



Thesis=the main idea of your paper



Make your thesis crystal clear



Try to place it as the last sentence of your introduction paragraph

# Body paragraph 1



Present your first point and it's supporting evidence



Argue the other side of the argument... why should people believe your side?



# Body paragraph 2



Present your second point and it's supporting evidence.



Argue the other side of the argument... why should people believe your side?

# Body paragraph 3



Present your **third** point and it's supporting evidence.



Argue the other side of the argument... why should people believe your side?

# Conclusion paragraph



Restate thesis statement



Review 3 main points



Leave the reader with an interesting thought about your argument - remember - you want them to believe you!

# Should I use I in my essay?

- NO!!!
- The audience already know what you feel
- It weakens your voice
- Stay clear of: «I think», «I feel» and «I believe»

