**Task #4  
The persuasive essay**

**Your persuasive essay** is your chance to take a strong position on an issue and defend your point-of-view. You should write convincingly to get your readers to accept your stance on the topic.

**Your thesis statement** should outline a debatable position on the issue that can be substantiated by **facts, examples, statistics, etc.**

Remember to omit phrases such as **“I think,”** **“in my opinion,” “everyone knows,”** etc.

**Make sure to cite any references you make to avoid plagiarism.**

**Persuasive Essay outline**

**INTRO – Topic Sentence**

**Background ideas**

**Thesis statement –**

**I. Supporting Paragraph 1 -- Topic Sentence**

**A. Support**

**B. Support**

**C. Support**

**II. Supporting Paragraph II -- Topic Sentence**

**A. Support**

**B. Support**

**C. Support**

**III. Supporting paragraph iii -- Topic Sentence**

**A. Support**

**B. Support**

**C. Support**

**Concluding Paragraph**

**The persuasive essay checklist**

**Argument essay checklist –**

**Remember to ask yourself these questions as you write:**

1. Does my thesis statement clearly state my positon on the issue?

2. Is it strong enough to write an entire paper on it?

3. Have I included facts, examples, statistics, anecdotes, consequences, and also rebuttals to my opposition’s argument for or against the issue?

4. Do my supporting points provide evidence that clearly supports the thesis statement and each topic sentence?

5. Have I used transition words that make the reading engaging and help the reader navigate the material?

6. Is my concluding paragraph strong? Does it answer a question, provide a call to action, make a future prediction, etc.?