

Persuasive Essays

Well-constructed introductions

- Capture the interest of your reader
- Give appropriate background information
- Summarize the ideas to be presented
- Present a clear statement of thesis: your ARGUMENT
- Present the WHAT and HOW of your argument - WHAT are you arguing and HOW will you prove your point?

Solid oral debates

Are based on solid written preparatory notes

Have a central arguing point and thesis, much like an essay

Have a series of “points” that support the thesis

Have strong supporting evidence for each point

- Fact
- Figure
- Pictures and drawings
- True stories
- Example