Persuasive Paragraph Writing

When writing a persuasive paragraph you must follow all the steps in the writing process: Pick a topic, narrow it down, brainstorm/research, organize/outline, rough copy, editing and good copy.

Persuasive paragraphs must have the following:

1. A good topic sentence that summarizes the main point you are trying to make and grabs the readers attention.
2. Sufficient reasons, examples and explanations to make your point. (at least 2-3 of each)
3. A good conclusion sentence that restates your main point in a new way.

Paragraph Brainstorm chart (point form)

Topic sentence: High school sports offer many benefits to the people that participate in them.

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| Reason | Example | Explanation |
| 1 Keeps you fit | 1 training/running | 1 good for your health |
| 2 meet new people | 2 make new friends/team-mates | 2 might not otherwise meet them or hang out- makes you well rounded |
| 3 travel | 3 zone tournaments/ provincials | 3 experience new places you might not visit- broadens horizons |

Conclusion sentence: Obviously participating in high school sports offers many rewards

Paragraph Outline example

Topic sentence: High school sports offer many benefits to the people who participate in them.

Reason 1- keeps you physically fit

Example 1- training / running

Explanation 1- good for your health

Reason 2- Get to meet new people

Example 2-Make new friends/team mates

Explanation 2- might not otherwise meet them (makes you well rounded-helps you in the long run)

Reason 3- Get to travel

Example 3- zone tournaments/provincials

Explanation 3- Experience new places you might not otherwise visit (broadens your horizons)

Conclusion sentence: Obviously, participating in high school sports offers many rewards.

Paragraph example- Rough copy

High school sports offer many benefits to the people that participate in them. First of all, they keep people physically fit because of the *training required for their sport*. **Since keeping fit is good for your health this is definitely a benefit**. A second benefit they offer is the chance to meet new people, which in turn means *you make new friends*. **Consequently a person becomes more well rounded from their interactions with different people**. A third way school sports benefits you is that you get to travel, for example, *when you go to zone tournaments*. **Travel allows people the opportunity to experience new places they might not otherwise visit, which broadens their horizons**; as do the experiences you get from traveling to school sports events. Obviously being involved in high school sports offers many intriguing rewards.

# Reasons are underlined

## Examples are in italics

### Explanations are in bold

Paragraph planning sheet

Topic sentence:

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| Reason | Example | Explanation |
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| 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 3 | 3 |

Conclusion sentence:

Paragraph Outline example

Topic sentence:

Reason 1-

Example 1-

Explanation 1-

Reason 2-

Example 2-

Explanation 2-

Reason 3-

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Explanation 3-

Conclusion sentence:

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Topic sentence:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Explanation #1- Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Reason #2: The second reason \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Example #2- For instance, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Explanation #2- As a result, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Reason #3: A third reason \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Example #3- To illustrate, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Explanation #3- Hence, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Conclusion sentence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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