Writing a Persuasive Essay Handout questions

1. What are the two objectives of a persuasive essay?
2. How many sides of an argument does a persuasive essay present to the reader?
3. What should you use to develop your argument?
4. Why should you write a thesis that directly opposes your viewpoint, once you have come up with your thesis statement?
5. What should your persuasive essay title do?
6. What has to be in the introduction of your persuasive essay?
7. Describe, in point form, how you should organize the body of your persuasive essay.
8. What should you make sure about your evidence? Why?
9. What should you conclude each paragraph with? Why?
10. What should you do before writing your conclusion to the essay?
11. What should your conclusion include?
12. Summarize and list the 5 main differences between persuasive and argumentative essays and explain each briefly.
13. How is an argumentative essay more balanced than a persuasive essay?
14. What are 5 things you must make sure you do when writing an argument essay?
15. What are 5 things you must make sure you don’t do when writing an argument essay?
16. Why do you need to address the opposing side’s argument? (5 reasons)
17. Summarize the 5 steps you can take to address the opposing side’s argument.
18. Summarize the steps to writing an argumentative essay and briefly describe each one.
19. What do you need to ask yourself when you are beginning to write a persuasive essay?
20. What should a persuasive essay thesis look like? What three elements should it include?
21. What are a few strategies you can use to complete a persuasive writing assignment?
22. What is an introductory paragraph? What are the 3 parts it should have?
23. What is a thesis statement?
24. What does good persuasive writing not make the reader do?
25. What types of sentences would be distracting to the reader?
26. What is a preview?
27. What is a main point?
28. How many points should each body paragraph focus on?
29. What are supporting details?
30. What does it mean to make the connection?
31. What will a good conclusion do?
32. List a couple persuasive techniques and describe each one.
33. Why do you need to understand your audience? How can you do this?
34. What point of view should you write in?
35. Should you use generalizations or tell people what they should think? What should you do instead?
36. What type of evidence should you use?
37. What is some criteria and tips for gathering evidence?