

Grade 7 Literacy
Week of November 16 – November 20

Lesson 3: Writer’s Workshop – Body

Once you have completed your outline and are satisfied with it, you’re ready to write a first draft of your persuasive argument. This is where you “connect the dots” and write out your ideas as full sentences and paragraphs.

The following are suggestions when you write your first draft:

Write one paragraph for each of your main ideas. Each paragraph should clearly support your position. You should have at least 3 paragraphs.

- Try to use facts wherever you can, rather than just opinions. Facts are powerful persuaders.
- Introduce the counterarguments then show why your arguments are better. You should have at least one counterargument.
- Save your best argument for your final paragraph.
- Connect your arguments with transition words like *however*, *furthermore*, and *in addition*. Or you could number your points, e.g., *firstly*, *secondly*, etc. Here’s a list of commonly used transitional words and phrases:

and	unlike	in contrast	in other words	sometimes
but	however	furthermore	to sum up	in addition
or	yet	on the other hand	consequently	besides
while	unless	similarly	first	likewise
although	therefore	because	next	for instance



Begin writing your first draft now!

Check back on the list above for things to consider when writing your draft(s).