## Grade 4 English Language Arts

Week of January 25 – January 29

#### Lesson 1: Persuasive Writing

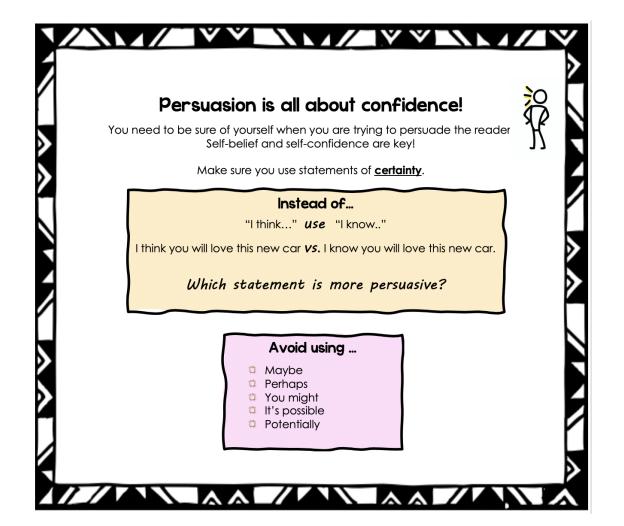
#### What is Persuasive Writing?

The purpose of **persuasive writing** is to convince the reader to think or act in a certain way.

Take a look at the video below to learn more about persuasive writing. While there are no activities connected to this video in your Learning Guide, it is still important to watch it. The information provided will help you with the next assignment!



Persuasive Writing for Kids: <u>https://youtu.be/hD9arWXIddM</u>



### Fact vs. Opinion

A fact is a statement that is true. It can be proven.

Example: Dogs need food and water to survive.

An **opinion** is someone's view, feeling or belief, or way of thinking about something. It cannot necessarily be <u>proven</u>.

Example: Dogs are the best animals.

When you are reading, it is important to be able to tell the difference between facts and opinions. Articles, web site information, novels, biographies, and newspapers often contain both facts *and* opinions. Being able to tell them apart will help you make your own judgment based on what the writer is telling you.

Persuasive writing can use both facts and opinions. When you are trying to persuade someone, you are trying to get them to adopt your **opinion**, and **facts** can help you persuade the reader more easily.

Take a look at the video below to better understand the difference between fact and opinion.



# Persuasion

- 1. Change the following statements of uncertainty, to certainty. Make them more confident!
  - a. I think you're going to love this house!
  - b. Maybe you should recycle.
  - b. It might be a good idea to lock your doors at night.

2. Fill in the following definitions. **Fact:** 

#### **Opinion:**

- 3. For the following statements, indicate whether they are **fact** or **opinion**.
  - a. Picasso was the greatest artist to ever live.
  - b. Aliens exist.
  - c. Dogs have typically have 4 legs
  - d. Flying in a plane is scary
  - e. Hawaii is a chain of islands.