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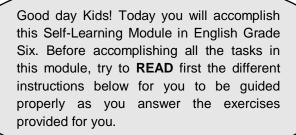
## **ENGLISH 6**

### Writing a Persuasive Essay

## **Expectation**

At the end of this module, you are expected to:

- Compose a persuasive essay on a self-selected topic.
- Persuade and influence the readers to agree with the opinion/viewpoint that supports the argument of an essay you have composed.







- 1. Read and understand carefully the directions provided before each activity. Follow the indicated directions to avoid mistakes while answering the tasks.
- 2. Accomplish first the Pre-Test before proceeding to the main lesson.
- 3. Be sure to answer all the provided activities in the module.
- 4. Let your facilitator/quardian assess your answers.
- 5. Answer the posttest and apply what you have learned.
- 6. Enjoy studying and writing!

### **Pre-Test**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the jumbled paragraph below. The paragraph contains the introduction, body, and conclusion of a persuasive essay. Identify which part introduces the essay, the main topic or the body, and the concluding statements that will form part of the persuasive essay that you are going to compose. Write your essay in the provided space below.

### **Cellphones- Biggest Distraction in Schools**

Some people may feel that students need phones for safety reasons, however, with all the reasons mentioned about the distraction brought by cellphones to students, there are no other good reasons why children need to have cell phones in school. Phones would just be a distraction to their studies and will affect their performance in school.

There has been a lot of discussions lately about whether students should be allowed to use cell phones in school. Students do not need cellphones in school. There are phones in the office that can be used for emergencies or to contact parents when they are needed. Phones can be a major distraction for many students. Also, these days phones can be used by some students to bully others.

Cellphones can be a big distraction during the school day. If students bring their phones to class and start to use them, they won't be paying attention during class discussions. There are too many games and apps on phones that can pull kids' attention away from what they are supposed to be doing in school. Cellphones are another way that students bully each other. There are already too many ways students can be mean to each other at school, phones would just add another method for mean-spirited kids to harass other students.

Cellphones- Biggest Distraction in Schools

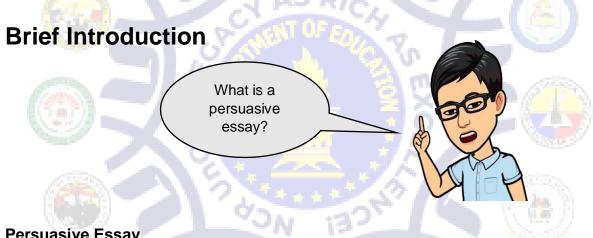
## **Looking Back**

Before you proceed to the next parts of this module, let us recall your discussion last time on planning a composition using an outline.

Outlining is a tool we use in the writing process to help organize our ideas, visualize our paper's potential structure, and further flesh out and develop points. It allows the writer to understand how he or she will connect the information to support the thesis statement and the claims of the paper.

Making a detailed outline before you begin writing is a good way to make sure your ideas come across in a clear and logical order. A good outline will also save you time in the revision process, reducing the possibility that your ideas will need to be rearranged once you have written them.

With the skills, you have learned about outlining, it will be very easy for you now to compose a persuasive essay on the topic of your choice.



### **Persuasive Essay**

A persuasive essay is an essay used to convince a reader about a particular idea or focus, usually one of that you believe in.

In a persuasive essay, the writer attempts to persuade readers that his or her opinion on an issue is the right one. The writer presents one side of the issue and supports his or her opinion with arguments backed up by facts.

### **Persuasive Essay Outline**

In writing a persuasive essay, the following are the suggested outline that you can follow. Take note of the sample paragraphs provided for you.

### > Introductory Paragraph

- Grab the reader's attention by using a "hook".
- Give an overview of the argument.
- Close with a statement that reveals the position to be argued.

Example:

Should school uniforms be required? Some parents and educators say that uniforms help students focus on academics instead of fashion. Others believe that kids should have the freedom to choose what they wear to school. After considering both sides of the issue, I strongly believe that uniforms should not be required in school.

### Body Paragraph

- Each body paragraph should focus on one piece of evidence
- Within each paragraph, provide sufficient supporting details

Example:

Some parents and teachers think that letting kids wear what they want is a recipe for trouble. Without uniforms, they say, kids will focus on clothes instead of schoolwork. There will be pressure to buy expensive clothes, which many families cannot afford. For these reasons, some people insist that uniforms are necessary.

I disagree. There will always be distractions. Kids should be encouraged and trusted to focus on their schoolwork, or they will never learn to be responsible. Uniforms are not free. If families are spending money, they should be able to choose the clothes they buy. Also, uniforms interfere with self-expression. Requiring uniforms sends a message that all kids are the same. If schools want kids to be themselves, they should not force all students to dress alike.

### Concluding Paragraph

Restate and reinforce your ideas with supporting evidence

Example:

For all of these reasons, school uniforms should not be required. If teachers and principals want to have a say about students' clothes, they should consider a school dress code. That way, kids would have an opportunity to choose what to wear while adults would have an opportunity to set limits.

### **Activities**

### **ACTIVITY 1**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the paragraphs below. Identify whether it is an Introduction, **B**ody, or **C**onclusion. Write your answer on the space provided before each paragraph.

# The breakthrough of Science in discovering vaccines that will end this pandemic is one of the greatest achievements in the medical field. Whether its efficacy is 50% or higher still, we should be thankful that after a year of hard work, our experts in the field of medicine were able to develop these vaccines to combat this pandemic that killed millions around the world.

The major reason for conducting additional vaccine effectiveness assessments is to make sure a vaccine protects people from getting a disease under real-world conditions, outside of the strict setting of clinical trials. There are many factors that can affect a vaccine's effectiveness in real-world situations. These factors can include things such as how a vaccine is transported and stored or even how patients are vaccinated. Vaccine effectiveness can also be affected by differences in the underlying medical conditions of people vaccinated in the real-world compared to those in the clinical trials. Vaccine effectiveness assessments can also provide important information about how well a vaccine is working in groups of people not included or not well represented in clinical trials.

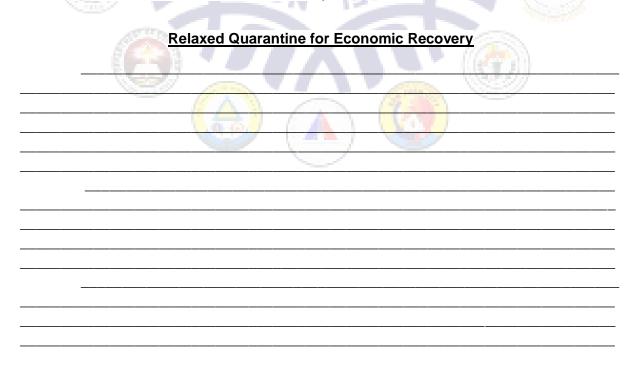
COVID 19 brought devastation around the world. Millions had died, thousands are still suffering and caused economic shock worldwide. With the devastating effects the virus has caused, medical practitioners in the field worked tirelessly to discover and develop a vaccine that would end this pandemic. However, with various vaccine discoveries by scientists around the world, doubts started to circulate about its efficacy in combating the virus. It led to various effectiveness assessments and clinical trials to prove its efficacy and safety to those who will be injected by the vaccine.

### **ACTIVITY 2**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the outline below. With the use of the information in the outline, compose a persuasive essay following the suggested parts in the discussion earlier.

### **Relaxed Quarantine for Economic Recovery**

- I. Government imposed strict community quarantine
  - a. Lockdown to limit the spread of corona virus disease.
  - b. School and offices closed and public transport shutdown.
  - c. People were required to present quarantine pass to leave home to buy food and other essentials.
  - d. People were asked to stay at home to be safe from the virus
  - e. Provinces sealed their borders to limit the movement of people.
- II. Economic recession and unemployment
  - a. Businesses shutdown
  - b. Stock market crashed
  - c. Unemployment soared high
  - d. Global economy shrunk
  - e. Tourism flack down
  - f. Increase poverty and inequalities at a global scale
- III. Relaxed guarantine for economic recovery
  - a. Roll out of vaccination program
  - b. Lifting of lockdowns increase movement of people
  - c. Businesses and tourism gradually opens
  - d. Unemployment rate soon to recover
  - e. Initial rebound for the economy



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**DIRECTIONS:** Compose a persuasive essay about the given topic below. Apply your learnings from the discussion above. The key sentences were provided for you.

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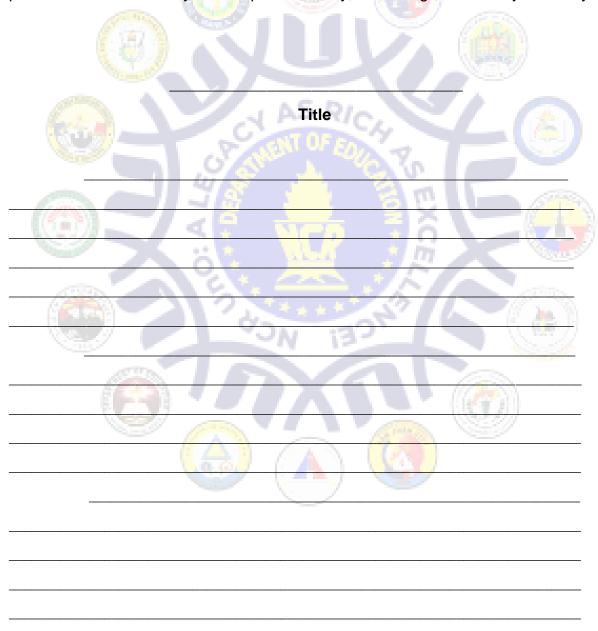
3. Why is it important to support your viewpoints and opinions with facts?



### **Post-Test**

**DIRECTIONS:** Compose a persuasive essay about the implementation of lockdown in the NCR Plus bubble. Is it effective to reduce the number of COVID 19 cases or it will cause suffering to daily wage earners and the economy?

Apply all your learnings from the discussion above. Present a good **introduction** to your essay. Provide facts and other related information on the **body** of your composition. Make sure to **conclude** with a strong conviction of your opinions to persuade the readers of your viewpoints. Finally, create a good title for your essay.



## **Answer Key**

### **PRETEST**

First Paragraph: There has been a lot of discussions lately about whether... Second Paragraph: Cellphones can be a big distraction during the school day Third Paragraph: Some people may feel that kids need phones for safety......

### **ACTIVITY 1**

Conclusion

Body

Introduction

### **ACTIVITY 2 & 3**

The learners' output will be graded using the provided rubrics

### **REMEMBER**

- 1. An essay is used to convince a reader about a particular idea or focus, usually one of that you believe in.
- 2. Outlining
- 3. Answers may vary from learner to learner

### **POST TEST**

The learners' output will be graded using the provided rubrics below.

### PERSUASIVE ESSAY RUBRICS

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