

## Checkpoint 1 Brainstorming

This persuasive video will be made based on the topic of your choice. You can choose from the list of topics provided below, or you can come up with your own ideas. Your final topic must be approved by me.

### Step 1: Look through the following suggestions, brainstorm additional topics of interest.

- Persuade your parents to let you do something/go somewhere
- Should students attend state college without having to pay tuition fees?
- Should uniforms be mandatory for students?
- Should public schools teach world religions?
- Animal Rights
- Curfews
- Existence of Ghosts
- Are college entrance exams like the SAT or ACT good indicators of university success?
- Our school should have an art program
- There should be no school on Fridays
- School should begin later instead of at 7:51
- Video Games are good/bad
- The legal age to drive
- Changing to Solar/Renewable Resource Energy
- Competitive sports can teach us about life.
- We should spend less time with technology
- Why you deserve a vacation.
- How to get over your fear of speech making.
- Why \_\_\_ is the best author/musician in history.
- Persuade my audience that hate speech should (not) be protected by the First Amendment.
- Persuade my audience why Americans should (not) become bilingual.
- Valentine's Day should not be a holiday.
- Why (insert team) will win (insert event) this year

Brainstorm 2-5 additional topics you may want to consider.

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**Step 2: Select at least 3, but no more than 5 topics of interest (highlight/bold/circle/underline).**

### Step 3

For **each** of the topics you selected, you must come up with at least two supporting arguments.

**Example:**

**Topic 1:** *Sharks should be protected*

**Supporting argument 1:** *there are countless species of sharks endangered each year*

**Supporting argument 2:** *disappearance of sharks will throw the ecosystem out of balance*

**Supporting argument 3:** *all species must be preserved for future generations*

Below, do the same for your topics:

**Topic 1:**

**Supporting argument 1:**

**Supporting argument 2:**

**Supporting argument 3:**

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**Supporting argument 3:**

**Topic 3:**

**Supporting argument 1:**

**Supporting argument 2:**

**Supporting argument 3:**

**Topic 4:**

**Supporting argument 1:**

**Supporting argument 2:**

**Supporting argument 3:**

**Topic 5:**

**Supporting argument 1:**

**Supporting argument 2:**

**Supporting argument 3:**

**Step 4: choose TWO of your *strongest* arguments from step 3.**

- Look at the choices with the most reasons for arguing
- Which topics would you feel most excited and interested in talking about?