

Writing an Argument or a Debate Speech

Directions: Choose one of following topics for an essay or speech that makes a persuasive argument. Your essay or speech should have all the parts of an argument: introduction, claim, reasons, evidence, counter-claim, and conclusion.

1. In order to promote education, should year-round school be adopted in Dorchester County?
2. Should cyberbullying that occurs outside of school be punished by school administration?
3. In order to slow global warming, should renewable sources of energy like windmills and solar panels be subsidized by the local, state, and federal governments?
4. Should the government of the United States be allowed to restrict the freedoms of speech and religion in order to defeat Islamic terrorism?
5. Should citizens who fail to register to vote be subject to a fine?
6. Should a border fence be constructed between the United States and Mexico to slow illegal immigration?