

11/15 – pg 48 – Persuasive Writing Standard

WRITING STANDARD 2.4 - Write persuasive compositions:

- a. Structure ideas and arguments in a sustained and logical fashion.
- b. Use specific rhetorical devices to support assertions (e.g., appeal to logic through reasoning; appeal to emotion or ethical belief; relate a personal anecdote, case study, or analogy).
- c. Clarify and defend positions with precise and relevant evidence, including facts, expert opinions, quotations, and expressions of commonly accepted beliefs and logical reasoning.
- d. Address readers' concerns, counterclaims, biases, and expectations.

Bias - an unfair preference for or dislike of something

11/15 – pg 49 – Body Paragraph 3 – Addressing Biases/Counterclaims

Together with your small group, write down at least 3 biases or counterclaims that someone might offer against your claim to conserve energy because of global warming.

Take ONE of the biases or counterclaims and form Body paragraph 3, explaining why the bias or counterclaim is wrong and your claim is right.

Some people say....

Some people don't care about the future of the planet. They only care about the present.

Some people say, “how are they going to get their homework done without using their computer?”

People are biased against believing in global warming; they don't believe its real and anything is wrong with the earth.

Some people say it doesn't matter what happens to their family in the future and they are biased against carpooling or using bikes.

Some people are egotists and only care about themselves, not about the planet.

Some people might not want to recycle because they're too lazy.

Some people really love to take a long, hot steamy shower in the morning. They say it helps them wake up and get ready for the day. They don't want to conserve energy by using less hot water. These people are selfish. They don't care enough about the millions of starving people that can't get food because of droughts and floods caused by the global warming they are making happen with their daily long hot shower.

Some people say that trees and plants collect all the carbon dioxide and release oxygen, so there is no need to conserve energy.

Some people say that recycling cans and bottles will help the world, but some people don't recycle. If some people won't do their part, why should we do ours?

People who operate Spas need hot water so their customers can relax. They can't conserve hot water and reduce energy usage.

Some people prefer a nice, long, hot shower in the morning to help them wake up for their day, or after a hot sweaty workout. Others love to go cruising in their cars for pleasure and don't want to drive any less. They sure don't want to walk to school. They don't want to conserve energy and give up one of their pleasures. These people are selfish pigs. There is a bigger world around them, and they need to understand that if they don't give up their perfect comfort, then millions are going to die of starvation from droughts. Energy conservation is very important and everyone needs to do their part.

I know some people really love to take a long, hot, steamy shower in the morning. They say it helps them wake up. Don't they realize that wasting all that water and energy is contributing to global warming, which is causing problems for millions and millions of people. They shouldn't be so rude and selfish. They need to care enough to take a nice, fast shower.

Some people say...

Most people say that they are too lazy to conserve energy.

Some people don't see the point in conserving energy.

Some people don't care about conserving energy until some bad things happen, like big earthquakes or other disasters.

Some people might say they don't want to waste money on expensive CFL light bulbs or other energy efficient products that are more expensive.

Some people might say they can't drive less because their job is far.

Some people might say they don't want to drive less because they love their car and love cruising around.

Some people might say they don't want to ride a bike or walk to school and prefer to drive because it's faster or they're lazy.

Some people might not want to turn off or unplug their computer or video game because they don't want to lose their data or are just plain lazy. They don't realize that their laziness or silly video game is not a good enough reason to waste energy. Don't they know that millions are starving because of global warming and their wasting of energy....

Some people think it's not their problem.

Some people think compact florescent light bulbs are too expensive.

Some people don't care about global warming or the future.

Some people think it doesn't affect them.

Some people think that global warming is fake. What these people don't realize is that science has proven beyond any doubt that it is not fake. People who are calling global warming fake are either completely ignorant about the issue, or lairs, in denial about reality. We must not listen to these naysayers. We must conserve our energy and do our part to stop global warming.

11/16 – pg 50 – Conclusion

Review the writing prompt (pg28), the writing prompt analysis (pg34), the 2nd draft of your introduction (pg41), the outline of a problem/solution persuasive essay (pg44), and body paragraphs 1-3 (pg47-49).

Write a conclusion to make people excited about solving the problem. Call them to action. Summarize your argument briefly. Repeat or rephrase your thesis.

This is a serious problem, everyone. We can't just ignore it. We must act! We must do something. And it's so easy! Everybody, tell your friends, tell your parents, tell everyone you can, we must conserve energy in our daily lives to keep the earth from becoming a dead wasteland.