ANCILLARY BOOK

GRADES 6-12

Arguing *with Purpose*

The argumentative writing approach has distinctions that make an argument effective. With short case scenarios and prompts, this ancillary book provides practice students so they can hone their argumentative writing habits.



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Prompt for Persuasive Writing

Read the information in the box below.

One study has shown that nearly 43% of kids have been bullied online. That same study shows that bullied victims are 2 to 9 times more likely to consider committing suicide. Cyberbullying is unacceptable.

Do you believe that cyberbullying can permanently damage someone's state of mind?

Write an essay stating if you believe that cyber bullying should be punished by law.

Be sure to

- state your position clearly
- use appropriate organization
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Read the information in the box below.

Community service is an important consideration on college admissions applications. Various clubs and organizations on high school campuses offer many opportunities to engage in community service. Participation in these service projects can lead to a lifetime habit of giving your time and effort to your community.

Think carefully about service projects you have been involved in on your own school campus.

Write an essay stating your position regarding whether or not your participation in a high school service project will influence you to continue to look for ways to help in your community as you move through life.

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Your city government has been awarded a grant of $500,000. The city council must decide how to use the funds to best benefit the entire community. The two suggestions receiving the greatest support involve beautification of the city and the establishment of a senior center for the growing retired population. The residents are divided on the issues, and the council is having a difficult time making a decision.

Do you feel citizens would benefit more from a senior center or from the beautification project? Think carefully about this question.

Write a letter to your city councilman stating your position on the issue.

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Your dad has always said that getting good grades in school was your "job." Now that you are in high school you would like to get a part-time job in order to have additional spending money. You have approached your dad with this idea and the response was "You already have a job." Somehow, you must change his mind.

Consider the benefits and drawbacks to working part-time while attending school. Think carefully about this issue.

Write an essay about whether working part-time while going to school is a benefit or a drawback.

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