

LANGUAGE ARTS LITERACY DAY 2 – PART 3

WRITING SITUATION

Recent news reports have called attention to the high risk of several popular sports. After re-examining the athletic program, your school board has proposed eliminating all sports identified with a high incidence of tragic injuries. This proposal has become a controversial issue among students, teachers, and parents in your community.

In response to the heated discussions, your local newspaper has published editorials both for and against the proposal. You decide to express your views by writing a letter to the editor.

WRITING TASK

Write a letter to the editor either supporting or opposing the proposal to eliminate high-risk sports from your school's athletic program. Support your position with reasons, examples, facts, and/or other evidence. Convince your readers to take your position seriously.

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PERSUASIVE WRITING TASK

Writing Situation

Congress is considering a bill that would ban the sale and use of all noneducational video games. Some students see this proposed bill as a violation of their rights; others support it.

A congresswoman from your district is sponsoring a student essay contest on this proposed bill. You decide to enter the contest.

Directions for Writing

Write an essay either supporting or opposing the proposed bill to ban the sale and use of all noneducational video games. Support your position with reasons, facts, examples, and other evidence. Convince the contest judges to take your position seriously.

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PERSUASIVE WRITING TASK

Writing Situation

Your homeroom teacher distributes a flyer from the superintendent's office. You are shocked to read about the new proposal to change the current attendance policy. Once a student has been absent five times, the student will be required to attend Saturday school for every absence after that. Failure to do so will result in loss of credit for the current school year.

The school board has asked for input from parents, students, and teachers on the superintendent's proposal. You decide to write a letter to the school board expressing your opinion.

Directions for Writing

Write a letter to the school board either supporting or opposing the proposal to change the current attendance policy. Support your position with reasons, facts, examples, and other evidence. Convince the board members to take your position seriously.

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PERSUASIVE WRITING TASK

Writing Situation

The school board is thinking about instituting a new attendance policy. Beginning next fall, students who are absent more than ten days will not receive credit for the school year.

Your social studies teacher has asked you to write a letter to the school board expressing your views on this proposal.

Directions for Writing

Write a letter to the president of the school board either supporting or opposing the new attendance policy. Support your position with reasons, facts, examples, and other evidence. Convince the school board members to take your position seriously.

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