

English Language Arts Brunswick School Department
Grade 7
Persuasive Writing

Essential Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective writing has a developed topic, is organized, uses richness of language, and follows standard English conventions.
Essential Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do main points support a thesis statement? How does a writer use evidence to support at thesis?
Essential Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A thesis statement is the foundation of a persuasive essay. A well supported essay includes evidence. An effective introduction engages the reader before presenting the thesis. An effective conclusion summarizes and offers new insight.
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Terms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> thesis, persuasion, evidence, introduction, body, conclusion, insight
Essential Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write an effective persuasive essay to promote an issue or sustain literary analysis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> generate an introduction which leads to a thesis present distinct main points in the body support points with evidence summarize points and share new insights in the conclusion Apply revision techniques (Review techniques introduced in grade 6). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rearranging (reorganizing words, sentences, and paragraphs) Apply editing skills (Review skills introduced in grade 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentence variety Sentence structure (noun, verb, adjective, adverb) Agreement in number, person, and tense Possessives Quotations marks for direct quotes
Related Maine Learning Results	<p><u>English Language Arts</u></p> <p><i>***pending legislative approval of the 2007 revised Maine Learning Results</i></p>
Sample Lessons And Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an opinion about the text, find textual evidence and support main ideas. Write, revise, and edit a five paragraph essay. Generate a thesis and main points on an issue. Given evidence, write a five paragraph essay supporting a thesis.
Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a five paragraph essay which presents a thesis supported by textual evidence. Write a five paragraph essay supporting an issue.

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Sample Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <u>Publications:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Write Source 2000</u>○ <u>Reviser's Toolbox</u> – Barry Lane
Technology Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/curriculum