

Essay



Write one of these types of essays that will summarize your research):

- Expository
- Personal Narrative
- Persuasive

Words from the Trade:

- Allusion
- Composition
- Expression
- Simile
- Irony
- Metaphor
- Parallel
- Synonym
- Thesis
- Transition
- Rough

Trade Secrets:

- Check your spelling and grammar carefully.
- Avoid first person, unless you are writing a personal narrative.
- Use the outline of your graphic organizer
- Think before you write.
- Save your best arguments for last.







Project "Look-4s"

An excellent project has all of these elements:

- An opening that grabs the audience's attention
- Evidence of rewriting from the rough draft to the final story
- Attention to the details, including spelling and grammar
- Use of research in support of argument
- Use of persuasive language throughout the essay

Persuasive Writing

Performance Element	Wow! 	Wow! 	Getting there 	Work in progress 
Thesis Statement/ Opinion	Makes a clear statement of opinion and rephrases conclusion based on the evidence in the body	Makes a clear statement of opinion	Statement of opinion is unclear	Fails to establish a clearly stated opinion
Content of Body	Makes a strong convincing argument	Makes a convincing argument	Is making progress, but needs to clarify argument	Makes a weak argument
Supportive Evidence	Uses relevant facts from multiple sources	Uses relevant facts and/or statistics	Needs to clarify points of view, supportive facts, and/or strengthen language	May have no or few relevant facts and statistics
Use of Persuasive Language	Persuasive language anticipates and addresses other points of view	Uses persuasive language	Too little persuasive language	Relies upon broad general statements
Grammar, Mechanics, and Spelling	No or few errors in grammar, mechanics, or spelling	Some errors in grammar, mechanics, or spelling	Several errors in grammar, mechanics, or spelling	Numerous errors in grammar, mechanics, and spelling