

Writer's name: _____ Responder's name: _____

Persuasive Paper Response Sheet

Student Instructions: Persuasive writing isn't easy to respond to, so use this response sheet as a guide more than a worksheet. Find 4-6 questions from this list that somehow pertain to the persuasive paper you are responding to. Circle those questions...then provide your response to all of them in one of two places: a] on the draft itself (in the margins or on Post-its®) or b] on a sheet of lined paper that you staple alongside this response sheet to the draft of the paper. Somewhere, you must respond in writing to 4-6 questions that you circle from the list below:

1. After reading this paper, explain in your own words what you think the writer was trying to persuade you to feel or do. Comment/Suggest on the chosen topic.
2. Why even talk about this topic? Where does the writer explain why he/she is putting these ideas in written form? If he/she does not include this in the writing, comment/suggest on what might happen if he/she did.
3. To be persuasive, a paper might explain what could happen if one doesn't do what the writer has suggested in writing. What did the writer suggest? Comment/Suggest on how the writer helped the reader to see a "better way" through the piece of writing.
4. Is the introduction to this paper interesting? Does it grab your attention right off? Suggest a way for the author to make the entire introductory paragraph even **more** interesting.
5. Does the conclusion leave you satisfied...or anxious to change the way you think? Is a final plea of persuasion given at the very end? Suggest a way for the paper's conclusion to be even more persuasive.
6. Do you have any questions of the author? Ask at least one question that you feel the author needs to answer for you to be completely persuaded?
7. Effective persuasive writing requires writers to not only present their side of an issue but also to mention the opposing side of the same issue. Does the writer do that? If not, suggest a place in the paper for the author to mention the opposition.
8. Does the author back up his/her persuasive idea with any facts. Suggest a place where facts would help you to agree with the author's argument even more. Should/Can the facts be cited to improve his/her believability.
9. Comment/Suggest on the paper's strongest moment.
10. Comment/Suggest on (with kindness!) the paper's weakest moment.
11. Other topic I can comment on when responding to this paper (write it below, then circle number 11):