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## MAKE A POINT!

Before writing a persuasive argument, read this sheet for help.

1. Think of three things you feel very strongly about or would like to see changed. These ideas could be about anything in your life, including your school, home, friends, or neighborhood. Write your ideas in complete sentences.

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2. Choose one of these ideas—one that you would like to continue writing about and can provide specific details about. List reasons to support your opinion on this subject.

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3. How can you get your readers' attention so they are interested in your topic? Write one or two interesting introductory sentences below.

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4. How you can end your persuasive writing piece? Remember, you want to leave the reader as convinced as possible by your ideas.

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### Themes to Keep in Mind:

- Audience - Whom are you trying to convince?
- Organization - Keep your ideas in order (beginning, middle, end).
- Big Names - Is there someone you can mention in your speech that your audience can relate to and has heard of?
- Purpose - Why are you writing this in the first place? What are you trying to convince the audience of?
- Definition - Are there words you need to explain because not everyone might have heard them before?
- Examples - What details can you write to make people better understand your point?