**Persuasive Essay: Grade 5**

Lesson 9

**Writing Your Introduction**

* Use one of these leads:
	+ State both sides of the issue and point of view directly, and make it clear with side you support.
	+ Begin with a quote that draws the reader in right from the start.
	+ As a though-provoking question to get the reader thinking about the issue.
	+ State an interesting statistic or a fact.
	+ Start with a short, declarative sentence.
* Use transitional words to begin each sentence that lays out your argument:
	+ Words to list reasons:
		- First,…, First of all,… To begin with,…
		- Second, …, Secondly, …, In addition, …, Next, …, Then, …,
		- Lastly, …, Finally, …, Most of all ….
* End by stating your issue and point of view.

**Building your argument in the Supporting Paragraphs**

* Use transition words to begin each paragraph.
	+ Words to list reasons and show sequence:
		- First,…, First of all,… To begin with,…
		- Second, …, Secondly, …, In addition, …, Next, …, Then, …,
		- Lastly, …, Finally, …, Most of all ….
	+ Words to add information or examples:
		- For example, …, For instance, …, In order to, …
		- In addition, …, Another, …, Besides, …, Together with …, Along with…
		- Let’s not forget, …, Let’s remember, …, Finally, …
	+ Words to emphasize a point:
		- As I just mentioned, …
		- For this reason, …, In fact, …
		- Surprisingly, …, Again, …
	+ Words to summarize a point of view:
		- Please consider/reconsider…
		- In conclusion, ….
		- Remember, …
		- This is important because….
* Elaborate by providing facts and details.
* Conclude by linking back to the reason that supports the point of view.
* Check to make sure that your argument is convincing.