**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.