

## Tips for Writing An Effective Persuasive Essay - Social Studies

### **Focus Statement - Types of "Hooks" that grab the reader's attention**

Strong statistic or fact	Powerful Statement "Quote" Question?	Unusual detail
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### *Strong Transition Words & Phrases For Expository Writing*

#### Used to Open a Paragraph

For example  
For instance  
The fact of the matter is  
As a point of fact  
Clearly  
The primary reason  
In fact  
According to (cite source or author)

#### Continued...

Again  
Likewise  
Along with  
One example is  
Another  
As regards  
Regarding  
Just as  
But  
Still

#### Continued...

This resulted in  
At this point  
Pointedly

#### Compare & Contrast

Similarly  
In contrast  
Conversely  
By contrast  
Compared to  
When comparing  
Likewise  
Countering that/this  
A counterpoint is  
Although  
Even though  
However  
On the other hand  
Otherwise  
Yet  
Never the less  
Despite  
Regardless

#### Continued...

Unlike  
Resembling  
Similar to  
During  
After  
Before  
Sometime  
At the same time  
Afterward  
Meanwhile  
Finally  
Now  
Once  
Later  
Not long after  
Until  
When  
As of (date)  
Beginning with  
Beginning in (date)  
By (date)  
By this time)  
From  
With the advent of

#### To Show Sequence

#### Continued...

Simultaneously  
While  
First  
Second  
Soon after  
Lastly  
Last, but not least  
First and foremost  
To begin with  
The primary reason  
In the event  
Eventually  
Next  
Earlier  
Once and for all

#### To Begin Conclusion

In summary  
To summarize  
In conclusion  
As you (one) can see  
As a result  
For this reason  
In conclusion  
Based on  
Clearly

#### Continued...

Truly  
In closing  
Finally  
Ultimately

#### Supporting/Adding to Ideas

In other words  
By the way  
Furthermore  
In addition  
Additionally  
Besides  
Equally important  
Moreover  
Also  
In fact  
Accordingly  
For this reason

#### Cause & Effect

At last  
Because  
Consequently  
Hence  
The end result  
As a result  
Because of  
Due to  
Accordingly  
Therefore  
Thus

### **Conclusions - Effective Types**

Prediction  
Question?

Recommendation  
"Quotation"