



NS30 - Persuasive Writing Project

Many school districts in Canada have had discussions about whether or not indigenous studies should be mandatory in schools. While many students are introduced to Indigenous history in elementary and middle school it becomes optional content in high school. Should Indigenous Studies 10, 20 30 be mandatory courses?

Persuasive Writing Checklist

- ✎ Introductory paragraph - state the argument.
- ✎ Use words such as...
Some believe that... In my opinion... Therefore... Moreover...
For this reason... I feel that... Surely... I am sure that... It is certain...
- ✎ Evidence - say **why** your viewpoint is right. **Facts!**
- ✎ Give reasons **for** and **against**. 
- ✎ Ask questions to get the reader thinking. 

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Before you begin: Search the internet for articles that argue for an against the mandatory inclusion of Indigenous Studies in secondary/ highschools.

- Read at least **THREE** articles on the topic.
- Create a two column chart for and against mandatory Indigenous Studies in secondary/ high schools. Decide which side you are on.

Paragraph one – Introduction outlining your opinion using 2-3 pieces of evidence.

Body Paragraphs (two or three)– Elaborate on each piece of evidence in individual paragraphs.

Concluding Paragraph – Summarize your argument and restate your opinion.

- **Suggested Length – 250-500 words (approximately 2 pages)**
- **Please use MLA format**