

English for SOL
Viking Quest Work
March 16-20



Persuasive Letter Assignment: Think of a favor you would like a friend to do for you. Write a letter to **persuade** your friend to do this favor for you. Each of the three questions below will become a paragraph.

Paragraph 1:

Sentence 1: What favor will you ask your friend to do for you?

Possible favors:

- watch a pet
- borrow clothes or camping equipment
- help with a school project, babysitting, set up a party, or help because you are sick or injured.

Sentence 2: Why do you need the favor?

Sentence 3: Why is this favor important to you?

Teacher Example Paragraph 1:

Dear Renee,

I was wondering if you could watch my dog, Kane, the week of March 2nd through the 7th. As you know, I will be going on my long awaited Disney cruise! This is important to me because if I don't have someone trustworthy watching Kane I will be worried about him and unable to enjoy my vacation.

Paragraph 2: Why will you chose this friend?
(think: character traits)

Teacher Example Paragraph 2:

I chose you to watch Kane for many reasons. First, you are a dog lover and your dog is the only dog that gets along with mine! Second, you know Kane well; better than anyone else I could ask. It will be nice for Kane to have someone familiar watching him. Last, I know you are trustworthy, reliable, and will enjoy it!

Paragraph 3: What reasons will you use to persuade your friend to do the favor for you?

Teacher example Paragraph 3:

I will supply you with everything you could possibly need for Kane including: vet's phone number, dog food, treats, water, leash and clean up bags. If something should come up, you can call my mom to take him for a day. Remember, I will return the favor anytime for you and your dog, Punkin. When I get back, I will take you for a spa day as a thank you. Love you! Please let me know as soon as possible if you will be able to do this.

Sincerely,
Sharon

Name: _____

Writing Prompt: Uniforms

Maple elementary requires their students to wear uniforms. Other schools in Dorchester County are choosing to require students to wear uniforms. Write a letter to your principal expressing your opinion about uniforms.

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Writing Prompt: Cellphones

Many teachers disapprove of the use of cellphones in their classroom and believe that cell phones should not be allowed in school at all. Taking the role of the teacher, write a persuasive letter to the principal expressing your opinion and reasons why cell phones should not be allowed in school.

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Writing Prompt: Foreign Language Class

In Maryland, students are required to take two Foreign Language classes to graduate. Write a letter to the Board of Education about why or why not this should be a graduation requirement. You should include at least three reasons.

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