

# The Great Halloween Debate!

**No  
Prep!**

Persuasive  
Writing



# The Great Halloween Debate!



The goal of this persuasive writing activity is to convince your reader that your Halloween position is the correct one!

To make things more challenging, you will be assigned a topic rather than choosing one to write about. Your persuasive writing skills will be tested as you convince your reader that your thesis statement (your position) is the only correct choice!

Your persuasive essay will follow the format outlined below.

## **Introductory paragraph:**

- hook sentence (grab the attention of your reader!)
- thesis statement (clearly state your position)
- argument outline (a preview of your arguments)
- conclusion sentence (wrap up the paragraph)

## **Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4:**

- statement of the argument (hint - order your arguments from weakest to strongest)
- 3 to 4 sentences that prove the argument
- conclusion sentence

## **Conclusion paragraph:**

- re-state the thesis statement
- summarize arguments
- conclusion sentence (wrap up the entire essay - finish strong!)

## **Arguments:**

Students should be allowed to dress up for Halloween at school.

Students should not be allowed to dress up for Halloween at school.

Parents should be able to eat their kids Halloween candy,

Parents should not be able to eat their kids Halloween candy,

Intermediate students should still go trick or treating at Halloween.

Intermediate students should not still go trick or treating at Halloween.

All kids that go trick or treating should have adult supervision, regardless of age.

Students that are \_\_\_ years old don't need adult supervision to trick or treat anymore.

Halloween should always be on a Friday.

Halloween should always fall on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, regardless of which day of the week it is.



## **You will submit:**

- completed graphic organizer
- rough handwritten draft that has been edited and signed by a peer (hint - skip lines for easy editing!)
- final handwritten draft
- picture (optional)

The Great Halloween Debate  
Graphic Organizer

Thesis:

Argument 1:

Argument 2:

Argument 3:

Conclusion:





A series of horizontal lines for writing, consisting of 28 lines in total. The first four lines are grouped together at the top, and the remaining 24 lines are spaced evenly down the page.

Handwriting practice area consisting of 25 horizontal lines.



Three horizontal lines for writing.

