

Bike Helmet Safety Law Performance Task

Class Activity:

You have read the realistic fiction novel Mick Harte Was Here and will read two articles and watch one video all on bike helmet laws. Make sure to take notes for each of the sources in preparation for writing a persuasive essay about bike helmet laws.

Part 1:

Watch the 4 minute video and take notes that can be used as a cited source for your persuasive essay.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9h3dh3XmMs&feature=player_detailpage

Part 2:

Read and highlight the two articles, take notes on any quotes that you may want to use in your essay.

Part 3:

With your partner discuss what you have written in your notes and what your position is on bicycle helmet laws. Discuss why you are taking that position and what evidence you collected from the text.

Task: Argumentative Essay

Your state representative is trying to decide if we need a state wide bike helmet law. You are invited to submit an essay about bike helmet safety and why we should or should not have a state-wide bike helmet law. Your essay should be argumentative and state a position on whether or not there should be a bike helmet law. Make sure to include the opposing sides argument and refute there findings.

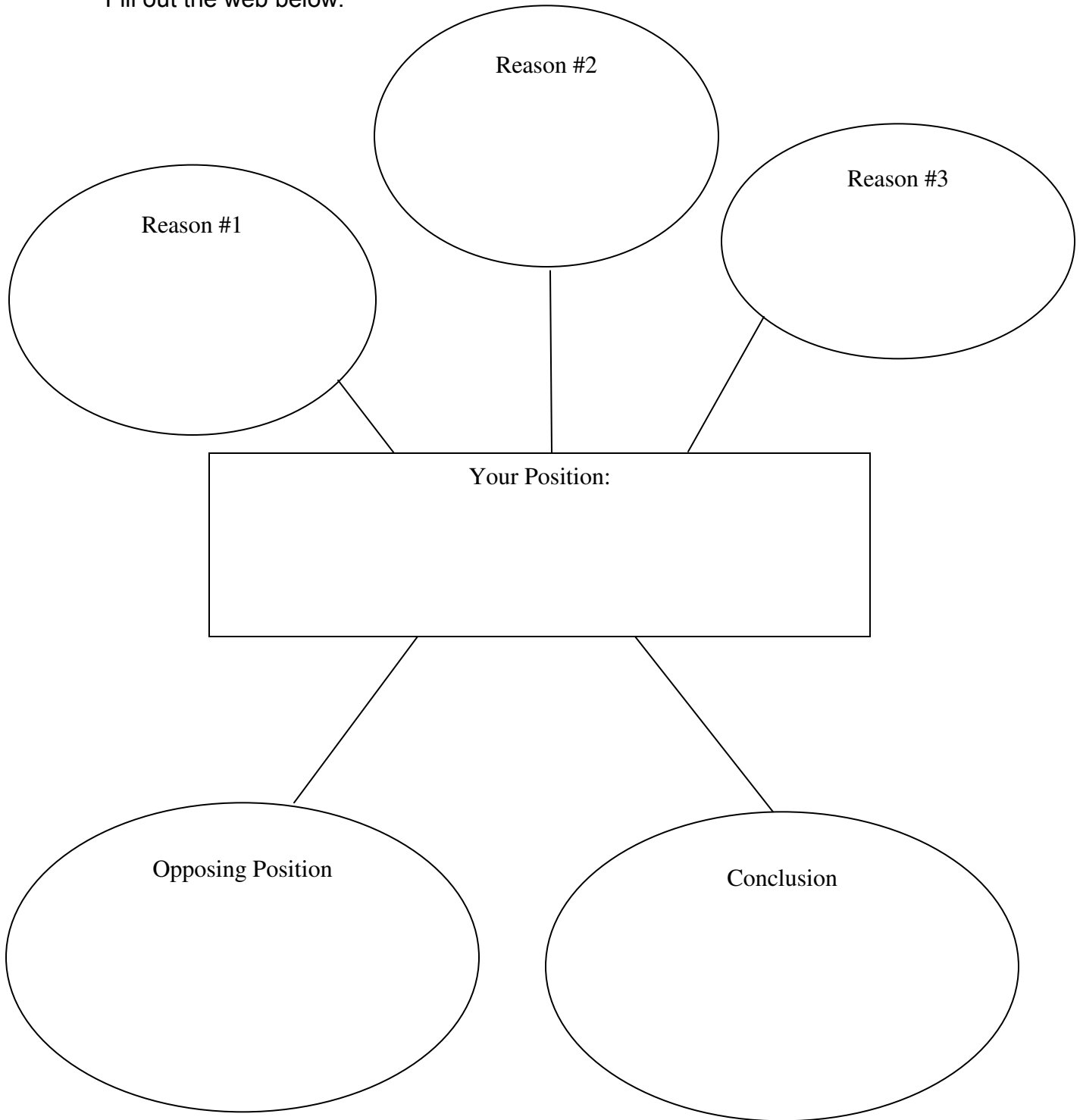
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TAPS: Pre-writing

Topic/Position	Audience
Purpose	6 Elaboration Strategies 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

Prewriting----Brainstorming for Ideas

**Fill out the web below.



Drafting—Rough Draft

Write your introduction paragraph. Start with your topic sentence that contains the main idea and your position on the topic. Do not use the word “because” in your sentence. Then write your three sentences with your three reasons and then write your conclusion sentence that restates/flips around your topic sentence. (5 sentences minimum)

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Write a body paragraph for the first reason you are suggesting. Use at least one elaboration strategy to persuade your state representative to follow your advice. (5 sentences minimum)

Body Paragraph 1

Write a body paragraph for the second reason you are suggesting. Use at least one elaboration strategy to persuade your state representative to follow your advice. (5 sentences minimum)

Body Paragraph 2

Write a body paragraph for the opposing position and refute their argument with cite based evidence. Use at least one elaboration strategy to persuade your state representative to follow your advice.
(5 sentences minimum)

Body Paragraph 3

Write a concluding paragraph that contains the topic sentence with your position, three sentences of support and your conclusion. This paragraph should be totally different than your intro paragraph. (5 sentences minimum) Include a call for action!!!

Revising

- ❑ Circle slang words and replace them with more formal language.
- ❑ Is your writing confusing? Does it make sense?
- ❑ Circle boring and generic words and change them into more engaging words.
- ❑ Use different types and lengths of sentences.
- ❑ Use transitions to connect ideas.

Editing

- ❑ Use a dictionary and look up words you do not know how to spell.
- ❑ Follow friendly letter format.
- ❑ Capitalize the beginning letter of each sentence.
- ❑ Punctuate the end of every sentence.
- ❑ Indent paragraphs.
- ❑ Use correct grammar.

Final Copy

- Blue or Black ink OR Typed
- Front Side of Paper Only
- 12 Size Font