



English I: Writing: Module 4: Lesson 2: Section 5

Writing the Persuasive Essay: Organizing Structure

Developing Your Topic

Instructions: Using the boxes provided, develop a plan for the topic below. Consider audience, context, and purpose as you fill in each box. When you are finished, mouse over the “sample response” button for one student’s response to the prompt.

Your school district is considering moving to a year-round schedule so that students don’t fall behind academically in the summer. Write a letter that you will send to the local newspaper persuading the readers that this is a good idea or a bad one. You decide which stance to take.

Topic	
Essential Question	
Position	
Purpose	
Audience	
Context	
Thesis Statement	
Organizational Notes	

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Sample responses:

