

# Success Criteria

## for Persuasive Essay

*“Am I doing this right?”*

*“What is my teacher looking for this week?”*

On the weeks when essays are homework, you need to be practicing the same great writing techniques that we use in class!

**Last time we...** worked on organization and learned that writers make plans. We practiced how to turn a plan into a 5 paragraph essay.

**Use the criteria below as a checklist to make sure you are meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> grade writing expectations.** Please staple this to your writing piece before turning it in on Thursday. I look forward to reading your essay. Good luck!



- I indented to create 5 separate paragraphs.
- I turned each of my big ideas into a sentence to begin each body paragraph.
- I have at least 2 details (tell-me-mores) for each big idea.
- My body paragraphs are at least 3 sentences long.
- I followed my plan, but tried to stretch out my ideas when I wrote.
- I started with a topic sentence and ended with a conclusion

Keep in mind that these are just the things we are focusing on right now. This list will look a little different each time, depending on lessons taught.

*Don't Forget: There is writing support available on Tuesdays during lunch in the library!*

**ESSAY IS DUE ON 10-29-15**

