

- 1. Pretend you're writing a vacation ad for your town. Why should someone visit your town? Be convincing, and include sights, activities, and interesting history that visitors may want to experience.
- 2. Think of someone in your life who would make a good teacher. Why should he or she become a teacher? List the positives of being a teacher, as well as the personality traits the person possesses that would make him or her a good teacher.
- 3. Imagine that the ability to travel through time has been discovered. Should people travel through time? Think about information that could be learned, as well as the possible dangers involved. Now pick a side and write a persuasive piece saying why people should or should not travel through time.
- 4. You and a friend have been invited to a costume party. You are excited to go, but your friend is shy and doesn't want to go. Write an essay that could convince a shy person to attend a costume party.
- 5. You and a friend have won a trip. You can choose to sail around the world or guest star on a TV show. You want one, and your friend wants to choose the other. Pick one and write an essay to convince a friend that your choice is best.
- 6. Would you want to be a professional sports player? Why or why not? Persuade your audience to see your point of view.
- 7. Think of a time when you've wanted to do something and your parents said no. Write an essay that would persuade them to see your point of view. Include what you'd like to do, and why you should be able to do it. Remember to use details!
- 8. Does your school cafeteria need to add some new items to the menu? Write an essay to persuade the cafeteria to add your favorite foods.
- 9. Is there something in your town that needs changing? Compose an essay to persuade city officials to make the change.
- 10. Pollution in the air, water, and land can be a big problem. Write an essay that would persuade local industries to clean up their businesses.
- 11. What is your favorite game? Write an essay that would persuade someone to play who has never played before.
- 12. What is your favorite season? Think about all of the reasons you like that season. Now, write an essay to persuade someone that your season is the best of the four.
- Do you think students should be required to wear school uniforms? In an essay, persuade your school principal why uniforms should or should not be required in your school.
- 14. Think of a food that is served at home that you really dislike. Write an essay to persuade your parents not to serve that food anymore.
- 15. Some school districts hold school year-round. Write an essay to persuade your local school board why school in your district should or should not be held year-round.