

Preparing for the DWA: Persuasive Writing Practice through your utahwrite.com account

All 5th and 8th grade students must come to the school to take a Writing Assessment – known as the DWA (Direct Writing Assessment). Students will be given a prompt and asked to write a persuasive essay from the topic given. This assessment is not timed, students may generate ideas and write a rough draft on scratch paper, but the final essay must be submitted online (typed in). The Utah Write program is a great tool to use in helping your child prepare for the DWA. There are many prompts listed in the Utah Write program-some of which are prompts that correlate with your K12 Composition class, and must be submitted. Others though, are there solely for student practice. The prompt given in the DWA will be a form of “Persuasive Writing”. Below is a list of the “Persuasive Writing” practice prompts listed on your UtahWrite account. These can be used to help your child practice and prepare for the DWA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns – please email or call me. Thank you for taking the time to help your child improve his/her writing skills.

Course: Intermediate English A

Enabled		Title	Prompt Description
<input type="checkbox"/>		04 A K12 Unit 4: Persuasive Essay	K12 Intermediate English A - Unit 4 Write a persuasive essay ...
<input type="checkbox"/>		A Great Weekend Place	Pick a great weekend place for kids your age to go and have fun. ...
<input type="checkbox"/>		Commercial-Free TV	Suppose that legislators are considering a law to require all TV ...
<input type="checkbox"/>		Grades for Vacation	Your school is thinking about letting students who make top ...
<input type="checkbox"/>		One Pet Only	A new law has been proposed in your town or city that forbids any ...
<input type="checkbox"/>		Should PE be a Requirement?	Write a letter to the principal arguing for or against the ...
<input type="checkbox"/>		Should the School Year be Extended?	The typical school year is made up of 180 days. Suppose Congress ...
<input type="checkbox"/>		Student Appearance Speech	Write a brief speech about what you believe a student's ...
<input type="checkbox"/>		The Best Music	Write a brief persuasive essay detailing what you believe to be ...
<input type="checkbox"/>		Wolves: Friend or Foe? (Science Tie-in)	After reviewing the stimulus material, what do you think about ...