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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: K12 LA 3

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 	A Day off, Please	Write a letter to your parent or to your teacher explaining that ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 	Cell Phones for Kids	How old should kids be before they own cell phones? Is there a ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 	End-of-Year Tests - Ugh!	End-of-Grade tests are sometimes scary. Should schools do away ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 	I Need It!	Write a letter to your parent about something you would like to ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 	Is Homework a Good Idea?	Some kids have lots of homework every day. Is homework needed? ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 	Kind or Smart?	Is it better to be kind or better to be smart? If you had to ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 	New Law	If you could make a new law for your city or for the country, ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 	Play Time at School	Some schools have short times during the day when students can ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 	Separate Teams?	Should boys and girls have separate sports teams? Some people ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	  	Should We Feed the Birds? (Science Tie-In)	What do you think? Do you think people should feed wild birds in ...