

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: Literary Analysis and Composition:

Status	Category	Level
All	Argumentative	All

Enabled	Title	Prompt Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	03 A K12 Unit 3: Argument	Literary Analysis and Composition Unit 3: Argument
<input type="checkbox"/>	Being Young - Did Adults Forget?	Some people say that after they reach a certain age, adults ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Change the School Day	In this country, many people are thinking about ways to change ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Service	The principal at your school is considering making community ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Computers and the Internet	The Internet offers us many great opportunities. There are also, ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Home School?	Imagine you have a choice between being schooled at home full ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Information vs. Knowledge	John Naisbitt once said, "We are drowning in information but ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leaving for Lunch	Your school district is considering allowing middle school ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Let me Sleep! (Science Tie-In)	Write a letter to your superintendent explaining why your school ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plato and Play	The Greek philosopher Plato said, "You can discover more about a ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Who Belongs on the Postage Stamp?	Many famous individuals, both real and fictional, have been ...