Persuasive Writing - Genre Drafting Template

The Prompt	Key Content	Essential Structural Elements
Homework is a controversial topic in the field of education. Supporters of homework believe that it is absolutely necessary for students to practice their learning beyond the school day. Opponents of homework believe that homework is a waste of time and students should spend their free time pursuing other interests. Write an essay stating your opinion of homework. Make a convincing argument, presenting your opinion clearly and supporting them with facts, examples, and relevant personal experience. In your essay, you should anticipate and respond to the arguments of people who would disagree with your opinion.	Who is the audience? What is my purpose? What are the key ideas I must address?	What kind of essay is required? What specific components do I need to include?

The Introduction	**The Language of Introduction**	**Drafting an Introduction**
Which of the following "moves" will you make to open your paper? Hook your reader ❑ Acknowledge the topic ❑ State your position ❑ Assert your opinion ❑ Explain your position	*Have you ever thought about_____?* *Some people think_____.* *It has been said that _____.* *I agree/disagree because _____.* *I think this because _____.* *My position is _____.* *My opinion is based on _____.*	

The Initial Support	**The Language of Support**	**Drafting Support**
Which of the following "moves" will you make to support your assertion? ❑ Narrate a personal experience ❑ Provide evidence or examples ❑ Add information ❑ Clarify information ❑ Compare information ❑ Show a cause and effect relationship	*A personal experience that supports my position is _____.* *This experience confirms that____.* *Furthermore, _____.* *In addition, _____.* *Another example can be found in _____.* *This example explains _____.* *To better understand my position.* *Similarly, _____.* *This is true because _____.* *Clearly, _____.* *According to _____.* *Evidence can also be found in the article/film/story _____.*	

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Continued Support	**The Language of Support**	**Drafting Support**
Which of the following "moves" will you make to further develop your assertion? ❑ Narrate a personal experience ❑ Provide evidence or examples ❑ Add information ❑ Clarify information ❑ Compare information ❑ Show a cause and effect relationship	*A personal experience that supports my position is _____.* *This experience confirms that ___.* *Furthermore, _____.* *In addition, _____.* *Another example can be found _____.* *This example explains _____.* *To better understand my position, _____.* *Similarly, _____.* *This is true because _____.* *Clearly, _____.* *According to _____.* *Evidence can also be found in the article/film/story _____.*	
Acknowledging the Opposition *Which "moves" will you make to acknowledge the opposite point of view?* ❑ Summarize opposing position ❑ Acknowledge merit of opposing position ❑ Restate your thesis ❑ Compare viewpoints ❑ Elaborate your position	**The Language of Counterargument** *Although some people think _____.* *Others suggest _____.* *However, _____.* *On the other hand, _____.* *My own view is _____.* *Most ___ will tell you that _____.* *_____ argues that _____.* *Nonetheless, _____.* *Despite opposition, I am convinced that _____.* *The point remains _____.*	**Drafting Counterargument**
The Conclusion *Which "moves" will you make to close your argument powerfully?* ❑ Restate your thesis ❑ Cite previous examples ❑ Summarize your evidence ❑ Elaborate	**The Language of Conclusion** *I am convinced that _____.* *It is essential to recognize _____.* *It is my strong belief _____.* *In closing, _____* *On a final note, _____.* *The facts clearly indicate _____.* *It cannot be denied that _____.* *Let's remember that _____.* *Finally, _____*	**Drafting a Conclusion**