



**Persuasive Writing**

**[Too Much Homework]** Some of the parents at your school have started a campaign to limit the homework that teachers can assign to students. Teachers at your school have argued that the homework is necessary. What is your position?

Task: Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper stating your position and supporting it with convincing reasons.

**As you write your essay remember to do the following:**

- State the issue and your position on it (Claim).
- Include at least two points that support your position.
- Explain each point, using details and examples.
- Address the arguments that may be made by your opponents (Counterargument), and show why your argument is stronger.
- Write in complete sentences.
- Write coherent paragraphs with topic sentences.
- Use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.