Persuasive Writing

Planning Template and Example

**Example – Should homework be assigned to high school students?**

Introduction

Are you tired at the end of the school day? Have you spent enough time working on schoolwork? Teachers often assign homework to students to do at home that they must complete for the next class. Sometimes parents even ask teachers to assign homework. It isn’t always easy for students to get homework done on time. Students have jobs after school. High school schoolwork is often difficult and students need their teacher’s help. Students need downtime to let their brains rest and do something that is fun for them. For these reasons, high school teachers should not give their students homework.

Paragraph # 1 – Students have jobs

Detail/Example #1 – they need to earn money for everyday expenses like clothes, gas, going out with friends

 Detail/Example #2 – they need to save money for university or college

 Detail/Example #3 – after school jobs provide students with work experience

Paragraph #2 – students need help with their schoolwork

 Detail/Example #1 – high school work is harder than elementary or middle school

 Detail/Example #2 – parents don’t usually know how to help their children

 Detail/Example #3 – if they are doing something wrong they will not have the teacher there to

help them before it’s too late

Paragraph #3 – Students need time to relax

 Detail/Example #1 – social media is important (ex. SnapChat and Instagram)

 Detail/Example #2 – spend time hanging out with friends

 Detail/Example #3 – many have naps when they get home

Now you plan your persuasive writing – send your planning to me. Only make point form notes like I did – don’t write paragraphs. I will give you feedback and next week you will write your paragraphs in draft form.

Introduction – Give some information about your topic. Make it simple but grab your readers’ attention. State the 3 reasons you have for your argument. The last sentence of your introduction is your thesis statement – what are you going to prove in your essay.

Paragraph # 1 -

 Detail/Example #1

 Detail/Example #2

 Detail/Example #3

Paragraph #2 –

 Detail/Example #1

 Detail/Example #2

 Detail/Example #3

Paragraph #3 –

 Detail/Example #1

 Detail/Example #2

 Detail/Example #3