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**PERSUASIVE ARGUMENT
WRITING PROMPTS**

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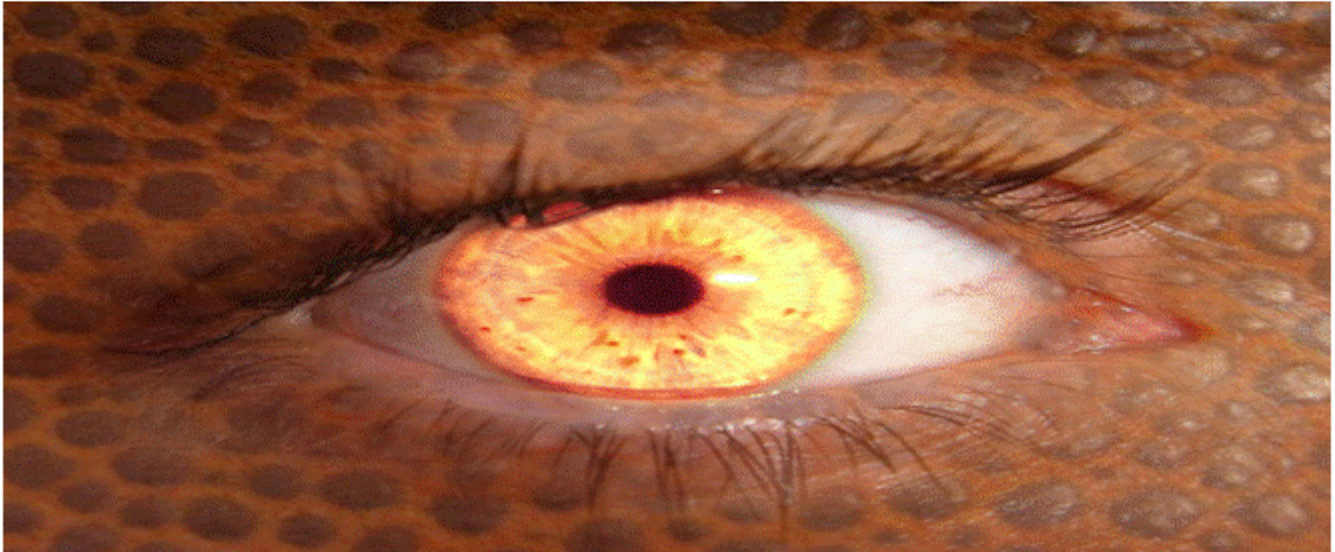
Name: _____

The province has created a plan to add a second highway exit to help shoppers access a new shopping mall. The problem is that the new exit will move the access road 400 yards closer to a nearby elementary school. Teachers and parents at the school complain that moving the road closer will increase noise at the school and provide unnecessary distractions. Some even say that it creates a safety issue but the owners of the mall say that they will pay for safety fences for the school. Write a persuasive argument for or against the new exit.



Name: _____

Many people believe that aliens exist. Some even back their claims with photographs of flying saucers and debris from crash landings. Write a persuasive argument either for or against there being intelligent life on other planets.



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The parent-teacher committee at your school has been asked by a handful of parents to provide a room for prayer. Some of the parents don't believe that a school needs to provide that service and some believe that it might help students who need to take a bit of time to meditate or to pray. Write a persuasive argument for either side of the issue.



Name: _____

Your friend's pit bull dog is expecting puppies any day now and your parents have agreed to let you have one of them. Here's the problem. The citizens who attended the last city council meeting said that they've had enough of the recent pit bull attack incidents in recent months. They want a ban on owning pit bulls in your city. You've thought it over and weighed both sides of the issue. You've come to a decision. Write a persuasive argument taking either side to present at the next city council meeting.



Name: _____

Look at the picture. The principal at your school has instituted random locker/backpack checks for weapons and drugs. The new rule is that anyone caught with either of these things will be immediately suspended. The principal argues that this will help the students to feel safer. Write a persuasive argument taking either side.



Writing lines for the student's response.

Name: _____

The city council wants to pass an ordinance banning the use of bicycles in the park. Write a letter to the editor of the local paper explaining why this action should or should not be taken.



Note to the Teacher

Thank you for your interest in this product.

Each writing assignment is numbered to allow you to keep track of which assignments each student has completed. A chart has been provided for that purpose.

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