**Persuasive Writing Assignment**

Choose one of the scenarios below, form an opinion on it and write a 5 paragraph essay persuading your audience to accept your point of view.

1.) **Situation:** Your school board members have been asked to consider banning music playing devices (i.e. MP3 layers, CD players) from schools due to distractions they cause in classrooms.

**Directions:** Think about the effects of listening to music playing devices in the classroom have on you and your friends.

**Prompt:** Now write to convince your school board members to accept your point of view on whether music playing devices should be banned from schools.

2.) **Situation:** Your school has decided to grant your grade level one privilege that the other grades in your school do not have.

**Directions:** Think of one privilege that your class does not have that you would now like to have.

**Prompt:** Now write to convince the administrators of your school to grant this privilege to your class for the rest of the year.

3.) **Situation:** A law has been passed that requires high school students to pass exit tests before they graduate from high school.

**Directions:** Consider carefully the advantages and disadvantages of passing required exit tests. Do you agree or disagree with making high-stakes exit tests, such as the CAHSEE Test, a requirement for high school graduation?

**Prompt:** Write an essay in which you persuade the reader to support your point of view. Support a position with specific reasons and examples.

4.) **Situation:** Many celebrities-such as actors, musicians, models, or athletes-make a great deal of money. Some people think celebrities make more money than they deserve. Other people think celebrities' wealth is deserved because of the enjoyment they bring to the public.

**Directions:** Do you agree or disagree that celebrities make more money than they deserve?

**Prompt:** Now, write an essay in which you persuade the reader that your side of the issue is correct. Use facts and examples to support your argument.

