



Grade 3 Unit 3: Persuasive Speeches, Petitions, and Editorials

In this unit, students will learn to develop and support bold, brave opinions aimed at making changes in the world. Students will write speeches, petitions and editorials aimed at a specific audience that they want to call to action.

Skills and Strategies Taught in This Unit:

- Developing a bold thesis statement
- Using statistics, examples, and quotes to elaborate
- Considering audience to choose strong reasons and evidence
- Ranking evidence that best supports a reason
- Considering and developing counter arguments
- Using mentor authors and checklists to set and monitor writing goals

Support your child's writing work by debating both sides of an argument and noticing how advertisements, speeches and others change your ideas and behavior. Talk to your child about the good things you notice in the world that he or she could persuade others to do or the bad things that he or she may want to persuade others to stop.