

Persuasive Essay: Our Town

Why would someone want to live in your town? What are its most interesting places? What are its most unique features? What would attract someone to move there? In this essay, your job is to persuade someone into believing that your town is the best.

This essay should be 5 paragraphs, structured like this:

Paragraph 1: Introduction

Quick introduction – give a little background information about your town. Perhaps provide a vivid description that someone could picture in their mind.

Thesis: A sentence describing why your town is the best, previewing what you will discuss in paragraph 2, 3 and 4.

For example: *The interesting places and unique features of Our Town make it a significantly better place to live than The Other Town.*

Paragraph 2: Description of two or three interesting places

What are these interesting places? Why are they interesting? What do they look/smell/feel like? What do you hear there? What happens there? Feel free to imagine quotes you might hear there or other descriptions to captivate the reader.

Paragraph 3: Description of two or three interesting features

What are some other interesting features? Does your town have any geographic features (mountains, hills, bodies of water)? Are there railroads or ports? Again, why are these features interesting? Why are they better than other cities? Make the reader think that they are important and unique.

Paragraph 4: Compare your town to the other town (Compare life in the North and South)

Why should someone live in your town instead of the other town? Why is your town better? What does your town have that the other town doesn't? Again, feel free to imagine the sights and sounds of the other town.

Paragraph 5: Conclusion

Tie all of your ideas together, remind the reader of your thesis and your main points.