

Name _____ Date _____ Pd. _____

Persuasive Essay Brainstorming Sheet

1. The issue of my persuasive essay: _____

2. My position on the issue: _____

3. Come up with 8 reasons that support your position:

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4. Narrow your choices above. **HIGHLIGHT** your top 3 pieces of evidence.

5. Come up with 3 counter arguments AGAINST your position. Fill in the chart below.

Counter Argument	Concession	Rebuttal
A.		
B.		
C.		

Transitional Phrases:

Concession	Rebuttal
It is true that...	however...therefore...
Certainly...	but...in short...
Admittedly...	on the other hand...so...
Of course...	nevertheless ...as a result...
Obviously...	on the contrary...finally...
Sure...	however...in addition...

6. **HIGHLIGHT** which counter argument/concession/rebuttal (either A, B, or C) you think is your strongest. REMEMBER that a strong rebuttal offers a solution.