



Drag the correct words to its definition below.

**summary
paragraph**

**thesis
statement**



d) The second or third sentence in the introductory paragraph. It identifies the purpose of the essay or previews its main ideas.

**topic
sentence**



e) The first sentence in a paragraph. It usually "grabs" the reader's attention in some way.

f)

The last paragraph in a persuasive essay.



When you choose a topic for your persuasive essay, you will have to decide how you feel about the issue that is being discussed. One good way to do this is to complete a Pro and Con T-Chart. “**Pro**” means that you agree with a statement or that you are for an action, while “**con**” means that you disagree with a statement or that you disagree with an action.

As you prepare to write a persuasive essay, you will find that you need to study both sides of the issue being considered if you hope to make people believe as you do about the topic.



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When you begin to write a persuasive essay it is especially

Pro and Con T-Chart

Should school be 2 hours longer each day?

PROS

more time for one-on-one learning

longer recess

(pro)

(pro)

CONS

longer days

students will get tired

(con)

(con)

Pros & Cons



less time for after school activities

more time to learn the lesson

more quizzes

longer lunch



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