

Bibliography of Children’s Literature for Beginning Persuasive Writing

Using Literature to Support Your Writing Program

Writers of all ages are inspired by the work of other writers. An important component of any classroom writing program is the sharing of examples of writing by professional authors. You may wish to read these examples to the students and discuss them within the context of the genre being studied, or you may offer them as independent reading selections. While some students are reading independently, you can confer with others who need help during the editing and proofreading processes.

Brown, Marc. *Arthur’s Back-to-School Surprise*. Arthur thinks he has purchased the perfect backpack for school. Then he gets an unpleasant surprise when his sister wants the same one. Readers will laugh but realize the importance of thinking about an item before making a purchase.

Carter, Penny. *A New House for the Morrisons*. The Morrisons want to buy a new house. Mr. Sharkey, the real estate agent, tries to sell them many different houses, but none of them seem right.

Devlin, Wendie and Harry. *Cranberry Autumn*. Fall has come. Maggie needs school clothes, and Grandmother needs a new winter coat. They decide to have an antique sale with items from the attic. Underhanded Mr. Grape tries a trick to buy some of the antiques at a low price. Mr. Grape’s trick backfires, and Grandmother and Maggie make more than enough money to buy the things they need.

Inches, Alison. *Corduroy Writes a Letter*. Corduroy, the teddy bear, teaches Lisa the importance of speaking up—and that writing letters can be a very good idea. This book gives young readers an introduction to writing persuasive letters.

Stevenson, James. *Yard Sale*. In this hilarious account of a yard sale, the animals exhibit human traits. Some are devious, some are kind, some are silly, and some are not very smart.