

Persuasive Writing in SOCIAL STUDIES

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**Claim, Evidence and
Reasoning**

Claim

- States your opinion.
- The claim is clear and obvious: tell the reader exactly what your position is.....
- The claim should be related to the question that is asked.

Evidence

- Evidence supports your claim with facts
- Evidence proves that your claim is TRUE
- Evidence includes: facts, data, numbers, & quotes
- Must include at least 2 pieces of evidence to fully support your claim.

Reasoning

- On their own, Claim and Evidence do not fully explain your opinion.
- Reasoning **TIES** your Claim (opinion) and Evidence (the facts) together.
- Explain how/why your evidence supports your opinion.

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- **CLAIM:** The United States Congress (should or should not) _____ allow drilling in ANWR for (two or three) _____ reasons, which are _____, _____, _____.

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- **Evidence:** One reason Congress _____ (should or should not) allow drilling in ANWR is _____.
- **Repeat this step for each piece of evidence provided.**

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- **Reasoning:** _____ is a good reason (to drill or not to drill) in ANWR because _____.
- **Repeat this step for each piece of evidence provided.**
- **Or:** All of the evidence, _____ and _____, show that is a good reason (to drill or not to drill) in ANWR because _____.