

Four Square Argumentative Writing

Reason #1

Write a sentence stating the first reason you believe the topic statement.

Example: *Students need to relax.*

Reason #2

Write a sentence stating the second reason you believe the topic statement.

Example: *Students need to bond with their families.*

Topic Statement

This is your thesis statement, which looks

Your Opinion = what you believe

Example: *The school week should be shortened to three days.*

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Reason #3

Write a sentence stating the third reason you believe the topic statement.

Example: *A shorter week will lessen the use of school buses.*

Wrap-Up Sentence

Write a sentence restating your topic statement and your reasons why.

Example: *The school week should be shortened to three days because students need to relax and spend time with their families. A shorter week will also lessen the use of school buses.*

Converting Four Square to Essay

**Introductory Sentences + Your
Topic Statement**

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Counter Argument

Acknowledge opposing
points of view.

1. Say what they
might (or probably)
think.
2. Briefly
explain/validate
why they think this.
3. State why you
disagree.

Counter Argument Goes Here, OR...

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Counter Argument Goes Here!

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