

## Sample Answers

**Assignment:** Fire Alarm: Multi-Paragraph Response

**Collection:** Differentiated Content: Opinion: Elementary School

Use the following answers as a reference while guiding students and grading student work. Keep in mind that answers will vary and this is just one way to correctly complete the assignment.

### Plan Your Persuasive Speech

**Step 1.** Read the article and the data sheet carefully.

Review the Reading & Prompt
<p>What is the main idea of the article?</p> <p>The article "Fire Alarm" is about the Amazon burning. It's a serious problem because it is such an important area to Earth.</p>
<p>What is the assignment asking you to do?</p> <p>This prompt asks me to state my opinion about whether we should follow or ignore the rules that protect the Amazon rainforest.</p>

**Step 2.** Now outline your speech. Use quotes and your own words to complete the Planner.

Introduce the Topic
<p>Give some background information to let readers know about the topic.</p> <p>One interesting fact is more than 80,000 fires were spotted in Brazil. Many are in the Amazon. "The fires sparked global outrage."</p>
<p>My Opinion</p> <p>After reviewing the information in the readings, I believe that we should follow the rules that protect the Amazon rainforest and make sure it does not burn down.</p>

### Reasons & Evidence

#### One Reason I Have This Opinion

One reason I believe this is because **the Amazon is important to the health of the planet.**

#### Evidence That Supports This Reason

According to one source, **the Amazon's trees absorb carbon dioxide and replace it with oxygen. This helps slow climate change.**

#### Evidence That Supports This Reason

Another example is that **the rainforest gives us fresh air to breathe.**

### Reasons & Evidence

#### Another Reason I Have This Opinion

Another reason I believe this is because **the Amazon is one of the most diverse places on Earth.**

#### Evidence That Supports This Reason

One example of **this is that the Amazon is home to millions of species of plants and animals.**

#### Evidence That Supports This Reason

Another example is that **30 million people live there.**

### Wrap Up

#### Restate your opinion in a different way.

In conclusion, **letting people burn the Amazon is a terrible idea.**

#### Make a final call-to-action statement.

Think about this: **there is nothing else like the Amazon, it's important for the health of planet Earth, and we must act to save it from fires!**

**Step 3.** Go back through the Planner and make any revisions you want to make. When you are satisfied with the information in your Planner, submit your Planner and begin to write your Draft.

**Step 4.** Fill in information from your Planner to write your Persuasive Speech.

## Fire Alarms

An interesting fact about the Amazon is that more than 80,000 fires were spotted in Brazil, which is much more than the year before. This caused protests around the world. After reading the information in the article "Fire Alarm" and "The Amazon is Okay" data sheet, I believe that we should follow the rules that protect the Amazon rainforest and make sure it does not burn down.

One reason I believe this is because the Amazon is important to the health of the planet. According to the article, the evidence shows that the Amazon's trees absorb carbon dioxide and replace it with oxygen. This helps slow climate change. Furthermore, the Amazon gives us fresh air to breathe.

Another reason is because the Amazon is one of the most diverse places on Earth. For example, the Amazon is home to millions of species of plants and animals. Another example is that 30 million people live there.

In conclusion, we should follow the rules protecting the rainforest because letting people burn it down is a terrible idea. Think about this: there is nothing else like the Amazon and we must act now to save it from fires!