

Sample Answers

Assignment: Waste Not: Single-Paragraph Response

Collection: Differentiated Content: Argument: Middle 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 Argument

Step 1. Read the article and the data sheet carefully. Use quotes and your own words to complete the Planner.

Review the Reading & Prompt

What is the main idea of the article?

The article "Waste Not" is about schools trying different ways to cut down on lunch food waste.

What is the assignment asking you to do?

This prompt asks me to make an argument about whether the principal of my school should keep or get rid of a rule that requires students to take a full lunch.

Introduce the Topic

Give some background information to let readers know about the topic.

Did you know 30 million students in the US eat school lunch, and at the end of lunch, garbage cans are full of wasted food?

My Claim

After reviewing the information in the readings, I believe the principal should get rid of the rule saying that students need to take a full lunch, and figure out other ways to make sure they eat a healthy lunch.

Reasons & Evidence

One Reason That Supports My Claim

One reason I believe this is because **wasted food is wasted money and bad for the environment.**

Evidence That Supports This Reason

According to the readings, **"More than one billion dollars worth of food is wasted every year. " OR "Farming, packaging, and transporting food produces greenhouse-gas emissions. They pollute the air. Plus, food packaging often ends up in a landfill." .**

Reasons & Evidence

Another Reason That Supports My Claim

Another reason I believe this is because **there are many other ways to get kids to have a healthy diet without forcing students to take food they don't want to eat.**

Evidence That Supports This Reason

One example of this is: **"Scheduling lunch after recess can reduce the amount of food that's wasted by 30%."** Other schools are experimenting with their menus and making dishes, like veggie pizza, that will encourage kids to want to eat healthy foods. I know when my parents cook vegetables with pizza or pasta, I am always happy to eat them.

Wrap Up

Restate your claim in a different way.

In conclusion, getting rid of this rule will cut down on school waste and force the school to come up with a better way to get kids to eat healthy foods.

Remind readers to agree with you and tell them what to do next.

Think about this: I hope you agree that you don't need to waste food and throw lunches in landfills just to get kids to eat a healthy lunch. Ms. Principal, please end this rule!

Step 2. Reflect and revise your claim:

- Do your reasons and evidence support your claim?
- Does your claim make sense?

Step 3. 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 Argument.

Waste Not

Did you know that 30 million kids eat school lunches each day in the US and much of that food ends up in trash cans and landfills? After reading the information in the article "Waste Not" and the data sheet "Kids, Nutrition, and Health," I believe that the principal should scrap the rule requiring students to take a full meal at lunch and figure out other ways to make sure students have a healthy diet. One reason to end the rule is that when you waste food you waste money and you hurt the environment. According to the article, the evidence shows that "more than one billion dollars worth of food is wasted every year" and that all the packaging from wasted foods ends up in landfills. Another reason to end the rule is that there are many other ways to get kids to eat a healthy diet, without causing all this food waste. For example, "scheduling lunch after recess can reduce the amount of food that is wasted by 30%.". In conclusion, getting rid of this rule will cut down on school waste and encourage schools to find other ways to introduce healthy foods. Think about this: It's important to set a good example for students about not wasting food. Ms. Principal, please end this rule!