

Tips for Writing

As you write, think about what makes writing successful.

Features of Successful Writing

Clearly addresses the topic and purpose identified in the prompt

Includes relevant and specific details and examples in support of ideas

Has a clear focus and an organizational plan

Uses language that is engaging and contributes to a style and tone appropriate to the task

Shows attention to sentence structure, sentence variety, and conventions (grammar, usage, spelling, punctuation)

Today you will be writing an argument. When you write an argument, you

- make and support a claim based on factual evidence.
- gather and present reasons for making that claim.
- use specific facts, examples, and details to support and elaborate upon those reasons.