

MassONE Writer

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The MassONE Writer Project is a two-year study developed through a federal grant awarded to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and our development partner, CAST.

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MassONE Writer Project Goals:

- Year 1 (2007-2008): Develop and modify an online tool that supports the persuasive writing skills of middle school students
- Year 2 (2008-2009): Assess the effectiveness of the tool with middle school students with and without disabilities
- MassONE Writer available statewide through MassONE

MassONE Writer

MassONE is the state's portal for K-12 educators and students. It provides a set of web-based tools for:

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Curriculum planning
- Support of K-12 standards
- Standards-based teaching and learning

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The MassONE Writer:

- Is a web-based instructional learning tool
- Utilizes the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework
- Meets the needs of a wide range of students
- Scaffolds the process of writing a persuasive essay
- Enables teachers to provide specific feedback to students
- Promotes peer editing
- Allows teachers to monitor student progress

MassONE Writer

Special Features:

- Spell-check software is embedded in the MassONE Writer.
- Text-to-speech (TTS) applications can be installed to take advantage of all the features of the MassONE Writer.

The MassONE Writer provides **ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORTS.**

Persuasive Essay Assignment: Cats or Dogs

Pre-Compose ::  Assignment

-  Assignment
-  Thesis
-  Plan
-  Organize
-  Draft
-  Revise
-  Edit

Directions: Read the assignment from your teacher. State in your own words what you need to do for this assignment.

Assignment Description

Write a persuasive essay convincing your classmates that either dogs or cats make the best pets.

Assignment Purpose:: Explain the assignment in your own words.



- Did you re-read the assignment?
- Did you restate what you will do for your composition in your own words?

[Empty text input area for Assignment Purpose]

The MassONE Writer provides **SCAFFOLDED WRITING STEPS.**

Saved:

Assignment Purpose Complete

Thesis >>

Persuasive Essay Assignment: Cats or Dogs

 return to page to revisePre-Compose ::  Assignment

Assignment



Thesis



Plan



Organize



Draft

The MassONE Writer provides access to **CONTENT RESOURCES**.

Directions: Read the assignment from your teacher. State in your own words *what you need to do for this assignment*.

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Assignment Purpose:: Explain the assignment in your own words.


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 Did you restate what you will do for your composition in your own words?

Saved:

The MassONE Writer provides **WRITING RESOURCES** to keep students on task.

- ASSIGNMENT

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Resources

[a good site about cats](#)

[a good site about dogs](#)

Project Benchmarks

- WRITING RESOURCES

In persuasive writing, your goal is to convince people to agree with you and your point of view. Persuasive writing should use more facts than opinions to convince people of your position.

The steps in persuasive writing include:

1. Writing a Thesis statement
2. Gathering information
3. Organizing your reasons related to the thesis statement
4. Composing an Introduction: your thesis, the reasons for your opinion and a strong conclusion on your topic

Thesis >>

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Pedro's Model

I felt that I could improve my introduction.



The school ~~wants to take out~~ is considering taking all vending machines from out of the cafeteria. ~~I believe there are many good reasons to keep them here.~~ there are many positive reasons for students and teachers to keep them. i dont think i am the only student who feels this way. **The vending machines need to stay in our cafeteria to keep students happy at school and make money for everyone.** ~~Please read on and i think you will agree~~ Money for the school, and alert students in classes all day are reasons for keeping the vending machines in our school.

The MassONE Writer utilizes **AGENT CHARACTERS** that provide tailored verbal support and models.

WRITER | WORKSHOP | PROGRESS MONITORING

Persuasive Essay Assignment: Cats or Dogs

Compose :: Draft

Assignment | Thesis | Plan | Organize | Draft | Revise | Edit

Directions: Now it is time to begin writing the (1) Introduce Thesis, (2) Reasons, and (3) Conclusion for your persuasive composition. Look at the REASONS list you made to see your plan. Read the directions to help you write this first draft.

1. Introduce Thesis:: Present your thesis and a statement about the purpose for writing this persuasive composition.

1. A statement about your topic that will interest your readers.

- Did you capture the reader's attention?
- Did you incorporate your thesis statement into the draft?
- Have you provided additional information about the topic of your essay?

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Workshop Overview :: Choose Assignment

The MassONE Writer provides **WORKSHOP** capabilities for peer-to-peer editing.

Directions: Welcome to the Workshop. Here, you and your peers make and receive comments about writing.

My Assignments

Click on a title to see comments on assignments you sent to the Workshop.



Title	Date Posted	New Comments	Most Recent Comment
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Peer Assignments

Click on a title to review and comment on other students' writing.



Title	Date Posted	Author	My Most Recent Comment
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WORKSHOP TIPS

- Look in the "My Assignment" to see if you have comments from your peers about your writing.
- Look in the "Peer Assignments" to see if you need to review your peers' work and make comments.

Progress Monitoring :: ✓ Score a Probe

- WOULD YOU LIKE TO:**
- ➔ View measurement status?
 - ➔ Create a probe?
 - ➔ Score a student probe?
 - ➔ View scoring results?
 - ➔ Design an Intervention?
 - ➔ Setup graphs and aim lines?

Directions: Score individual student probes on this screen. Using the drop down menus below.

Select a class: first ▾
 Select a student: Student, 2 ▾
 Select a probe: 2008-05-28 ▾

The MassONE Writer provides student **PROGRESS MONITORING** features.

2008-05-28

Student: Student, 2

Time Used: 0 out of 7 minutes

Community service requirement

Having cell phones in school is vary helpfull to every day life there can also be a safety issues. The reasons why is because of the safety, staying after classes and just basic right on how teachers have them with there is a phone in the class th other places! These are not just the only reacons but these are three

The first reason mainly is the risk of kidnapping on the walk home always increase without some kind of contact to a parent or guardian we don't have the cell phones and our parents think we are staying kidnapped and possibility dead.

My follow up reason why cell phones should be allowed in school is our parents if we are going to stay after school or something like th

Step 1. Score Ending Marks

Step 2. Score Mechanics

Step 3. Score Content

Progress Monitoring :: Results



Date	Total / Unique Words	CWS/IWS	Holistic Score	Content Feedback
00/00/2007	305/200	305/200	3/5	Good job!
00/00/2007	305/200	305/200	1/5	Off to a good start.

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