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| **Persuasive Writing Introduction Plan** |
| **Topic:** *Computer games – are they a waste of time?* |
| **Thesis Statement:** *Computer are not a waste of time* |
| **Hook (circle one)** |
| Strong statement | Quote | Fact or Statistic | *Anecdote/Personal story* |
| Rhetorical question | Narrative | Outrageous Statement/Hyperbole | Riddle |
| **Hook:***I’ll never forget how much I used to struggle with perimeter and area in maths class. No matter what I tried I just couldn’t get it. It wasn’t until I started playing the computer game Minecraft, that I suddenly understood how these concepts worked. Now, every time we study perimeter or area in maths, I am the first one with my hand up and ready to answer every question I can.* |
| **Reason for paragraph 1:** *Some video games have been designed to help doctors solve problems to medical mysteries* |
| **Reason for paragraph 2:** *Many computer games are educational and promote problem solving* |
| **Reason for paragraph 3:** *Improve your computer skills* |
| **Re-state thesis statement:** *Video games are not a waste of time.* |

**Writing Steps**

1. Hook
2. Thesis statement
3. Reason 1
4. Reason 2
5. Reason 3
6. Re-state thesis statement

***Example Introduction***

*I’ll never forget how much I used to struggle with perimeter and area in maths class. No matter what I tried I just couldn’t get it. It wasn’t until I started playing the computer game Minecraft, that I suddenly understood how these concepts worked. Now, every time we study perimeter or area in maths, I am the first one with my hand up and ready to answer every question I can. All this because of Minecraft. Computer games are not a waste of time. They have been designed to help doctors solve problems to medical mysteries, they are educational and promote problem solving, and computer games also help to improve your computer skills. There is no doubt that computer games are not a waste of time*

Brainstorm

**Waste of time**

* Harm your eyesight
* Gain weight through inactive lifestyle
* Miss out on other events
* Isolate you from the outside world
* Used as an excuse to avoid other tasks like homework
* Reduces your education
* Strain on electricity
* Could be outdoors getting fit and healthy instead
* Lack of sleep
* Computer radiation
* Takes away precious family time

**Not a waste of time**

* Some video games have been designed to help doctors solve problems to medical mysteries
* Many computer games are educational and promote problem solving
* Some games involve physical movement
* Helps grow the imagination and keeps the mind active
* Connect with people overseas
* Make a living from it
* Improve your computer skills