Persuasive writing topics for middle childhood students

Topics may include:

1. subjects that are within the personal experience and familiar world of home and school of the students. Topics that the students have strong opinions on will work best here and can take the form of whether one thing is better than another or whether a group should be allowed to do something or not. Issues close to home and community can be successful Political and social sensitivity is required as to suitability of both sides of the argument and the extent to which the topic is inclusive of all students.

2. subjects that use Literature as a stimulus such as social issues arising in the class novel, the rights of a character and whether events were fair, whether a character was "good" or not (this encourages the questioning of motivation), whose fault something was, the believability of a character or whether the text was worth the time reading it or better than another text eg the film is better than the book.

3. subjects that require the student to research information in order to present an argument. This is an opportunity to use cross curricular topics and cover content in Learning Areas such as Science, Health and Society and Environment.
Possible persuasive writing topics suitable for Year 4/5

1. Should students be required to wear uniforms at school?
2. Should you be permitted to choose whatever clothes you want to wear outside of school?
3. Should you be permitted to purchase or buy whatever you want to with your own money?
4. Should you be permitted to get any style of haircut you want?
5. Should you be allowed to go anywhere you want to with your friends?
6. Should you be permitted to have or attend a sleepover party?
7. Should you be permitted to have a pet?
8. Should you be required to do chores around the house? Which jobs?
9. Should you be allowed to stay home alone when the family goes to visit someone for the day?
10. Should you be permitted to have a TV in your bedroom?
11. Should you have homework assignments every night?
12. Should the canteen offer fast food, lollies and ice cream?
13. Should school hours be changed to 12:00 to 6:00 pm?
14. Should students be allowed to bring their pets to school?
15. Kids should have the freedom to choose their own bedtime.
16. Should kids between the ages of ten and thirteen be dropped off at the shopping centre without adult supervision?
17. Should animals be used for scientific experimentation?
18. Television is better than books.
19. Cats make better pets than dogs.
20. Animals should not be kept in cages.
22. School should be two hours longer.
23. The Olympics are a waste of money.
24. Everyone should play a musical instrument.
25. Everyone who drives a car should plant a tree.
26. Junk mail should be banned.
27. Native animals need our help.
28. Pocket money should be earned.
29. There should be a computer on every desk.
30. Today’s children are spoiled.
31. TV is bad for children.
32. It is more fun to be a child/adult.
33. Superstar athletes deserve/do not deserve their high salaries.
34. The hours in the school day should be lengthened / shortened.
35. The number of school days in a school year should be lengthened/shortened.
36. Recess at primary schools should/should not be eliminated.
37. Classes such as P.E., music, or art should/should not be eliminated from the curriculum.
38. This school or classroom rule should be changed by...
39. My parents should allow me to have this item or do this activity.
40. All family members should share chores around the house.
41. Recycling is important and necessary for our planet.
42. This book should win an award.
43. Swimming in the ocean is better than swimming in a public pool.
44. Summer is the best season of the year.
45. Children under 13 should not be allowed to baby sit.
46. Computers are bad for society.
47. We should not eat meat.
48. Our zoos are cruel to wild animals?
49. Foreign language instruction should begin in kindergarten.
50. Children should never be educated at home by their parents.
51. TV: could you be without it?
52. The mass media, including TV, radio and newspapers, have too much influence in shaping people’s ideas. Should money be spent on space exploration?
53. Are zoos are necessary for education?
54. Does modern technology make life more convenient, or was life better when technology was simpler? Does travel help to promote understanding and communication between countries?
55. If children behave badly, should their parents accept responsibility and also be punished?
56. Is a lottery a good idea?
57. Should animals be used for research?
58. Do we have a throw-away society?
59. Are actors and professional athletes paid too much?
60. Is fashion important?
61. Is homework harmful or helpful?