

Writing a Persuasive Essay

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Hungry Students Can't Study

INTRODUCTION

Attention-
grabbing opener
Opinion statement

“Grrrr! Oh I’m hungry! when is lunch?” If you have ever walked down the junior high halls, this is something you will definitely hear. All kids should be able to have a snack time, or at least be allowed to keep food in their lockers.

BODY

Reason #1

When I asked why we couldn’t have a snack time one teacher I asked just said, ”Why? You’re not little kids anymore.” That is just the point; we need food because we are growing now more than we ever will in our lives. Being hungry can have a big effect on the performance of a student. We just can’t work or concentrate when all we can hear is the rumbling of our stomachs. We count down the seconds till lunch.

Anecdote

I keep food in my locker, and I’ll be the first to admit it. I keep it there for the days I just can’t wait until lunch. It keeps me focused in class because I’m not worrying about being hungry. But why should I have to worry about a teacher

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Reason #2

Evidence
(example)

Counterargument
addressed

Reason #3

Evidence
(example)

Evidence
(comparison)

catching me taking food out of my locker? We should be able to keep food in there without question. Getting a snack time really wouldn't change things all that much. All we need is about five minutes. Trust me, if we can cram blueberry muffins down our throats in a two-minute hall period, we can definitely do it in five. All we have to do is take off a minute from each class and we will have more than enough time to eat.

Is the trash the problem? Is that why we're not supposed to eat in the halls? Well, put a few trash cans in the hall, or let us eat our snack in the community room. There are so many ways to solve this problem.

No one can work on an empty stomach and be focused at the same time. Teachers certainly have figured that out. That is why they have a vending machine in the teachers' room, and why you will find a box of crackers in almost every teacher's desk. If we can't keep food in our lockers, they shouldn't keep food in their desks.

Some teachers even think we should have a snack time.

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All I'm doing is comparing them to us to show that our rights are different from theirs just because of the age difference.

That is the point I'm trying to make. It's not that we just want a snack time; it's that we need a snack time to keep us focused in class and to keep us working harder.

The way I feel is that kids aren't looked upon as regular people the way we should be. We need a snack during the day just as much as everyone else. As I say, "Let us eat cake!"

CONCLUSION

Restatement of opinion