

STUDENT CHECKLIST FOR PERSUASIVE ESSAY

Your essay will be scored based on the questions below. Please check your essay by reading the following questions and making sure that you have all of the necessary parts. Use the following list to check your essay:

1. **Do you have an interesting introduction with a clear thesis statement that makes the reader want to read your essay?**
 - ✓ Is it interesting enough to "grab" your reader? Yes ___ No ___

2. **Does your writing prove that you have a strong opinion about Cesar Chavez and his work?** Yes ___ No ___

3. **Did you use strong arguments to make your point**
 - ✓ Do you have clear reasons, facts, opinions, and emotions? Yes ___ No ___

4. **Did you answer to any counterarguments your reader might have?**
 - ✓ Did you write about what other people might think about your idea? Yes ___ No ___
 - ✓ Did you write back to their opinions? Yes ___ No ___

5. **Did you support your idea with research?**
 - ✓ Have you used good references for your information? Yes ___ No ___

6. **Is your essay organized in a logical way?**
 - ✓ Can you clearly identify your introduction, body and conclusion? Yes ___ No ___

7. **Do you have a reasonable conclusion with your main arguments and counterarguments?**
 - ✓ Does your ending pull it all together and make sense? Yes ___ No ___
 - ✓ Does it state your idea again? Yes ___ No ___

8. **Have you checked your spelling and punctuation?**
 - ✓ Did you use school language? Yes ___ No ___

9. **Do you have 5-7 paragraphs?**
 - ✓ Do your paragraphs each have a clear topic?
 - ✓ Is there one paragraph for the introduction and one paragraph for the conclusion?
 - ✓ Do you have 3-5 paragraphs for your arguments and counterarguments? Yes ___ No ___