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Using Transition Words in the Argumentative Essay

YOUR ASSIGNMENT: Take a pro or con position on one of the topics. Use this worksheet to organize your thoughts. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, write a short argumentative essay using appropriate transition words.

All students should have daily chores.

School uniforms should be required.

Children should not be allowed to drink soda.

1. Write a topic sentence that states your position on the topic. __________________________
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List some transition words that you could use to link your introduction to your reasons.

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2. List three reasons why you think your position is correct.

   A. __________________________
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   B. __________________________
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   C. __________________________
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List some transition words that you could use to move between your reasons.

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3. Anticipate and refute opposing arguments. __________________________________________
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List some transition words that you could use to link your reasons to your refutation of opposing arguments.

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4. Summarize your argument. ______________________________________________________
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List some transition words that you could use to link the body of your essay to your conclusion.

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