

Persuasive Writing Prompt

“Should Junk Food be Sold at School?”

Many people believe that selling junk food at school is wrong. They feel that this teaches kids bad eating habits and can lead to health problems later in life.

On the other hand, some people believe that kids are going to eat junk food anyway, so why not use that money to buy things for the students and school?

Do you agree or disagree with selling junk food at school? Write a persuasive essay to convince your classmates of your position.



Choose **SELL** or **DON'T SELL**



SELL junk food at school.

(I think junk food should be sold at school.)

Think about these questions as you fill out your Planning Map:

- Why is it a good idea to sell junk food at school?
- Is junk food really that bad for students if they are having small portions? Why is it the school's responsibility to teach children good eating habits?
- Can the money that is made from selling junk food be used for good things?
- What persuasive signal words can you use to make your argument stronger?

DON'T SELL junk food at school.

(I don't think junk food should be sold at school.)

Think about these questions as you fill out your Planning Map:

- Why is it a bad idea to sell junk food at school?
- Do you think selling junk food at school teaches children poor eating habits? Why isn't it the school's responsibility to teach children good eating habits?
- What healthy snacks could a school sell?
- What persuasive signal words can you use to make your argument stronger?

