**Writing Persuasive Essays**

**Prewriting** to Select a Topic

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**Brainstorm topics.**

Complete the sentence starters to consider issues about school life that you have strong feelings about.

*One thing I’d like to change about our school is . . .*

*One problem I see often at our school is . . .*

*One way we could make school better for all students is . . .*

*One cause, sport, or activity I wish our school would take part in is . . .*

**Select a topic.**

Share your topic ideas with one or two classmates to find out which ones they like. Also ask yourself which topics you feel most strongly about. Put a star (\*) next to the topic for your persuasive essay.